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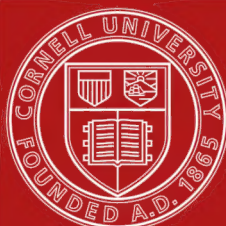
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## PREFACE.

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VOLUME V. of the Reprint of the Minutes begins with the meeting of June 17, 1822 and ends with the last meeting of the year 1827.

It was during this period that the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania was allowed by a resolution adopted by the Grand Lodge, to make their own rules and regulations for the government of Royal Arch Masonry in Pennsylvania and receive fees for granting warrants to subordinate Chapters under their jurisdiction. The legislation whereby this important change was effected extends over a period of years. A Grand Lecturer was appointed and paid for visiting the Lodges throughout the State, and the report of his visitations as well as the general report in regard to minutes, elections, initiations, rejections, etc., is a very interesting paper. The visit of General La Fayette to the Grand Lodge, his being constituted a member, the addresses delivered on that occasion, and the banquet, all make a meeting of more than ordinary interest.

It was also during this period that a number of country Lodges rebelled to a certain extent against the power of the Grand Lodge and the warrants of several Lodges were taken up on this account. A full account of how the differences existing were finally settled is given, together with the action of a number of subordinate Lodges on the question. The organization of a General Grand Lodge came up frequently in the reports of other Grand Lodges.

This volume will be found fully as interesting to the brethren as the preceding volumes.



# MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS.

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PHILADELPHIA, Monday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, A. D. 1822, A. L. 5822.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, In Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

Bro. JOSIAH RANDALL, R. W. Grand Master.

“ James Harper, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, P. T.

“ Joseph R. Hopkins, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, P. T.

“ Edward King, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P. T.

“ George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

“ Josiah Evans, R. W. Grand Treasurer, P. T.

“ Joseph W. Rowland, Deputy Grand Secretary, P. T.

“ Randal Hutchinson, Senior Grand Deacon.

“ Michael Nisbet, Junior Grand Deacon.

Rev<sup>d</sup>. Bro. Abner Kneeland, Grand Chaplain, P. T.

Bro. David H. Mason, Grand Sword Bearer, P. T.

“ John Uhle, Grand Marshal, P. T.

“ Charles Schneider, Grand Pursuivant, P. T.

“ Bayse Newcomb, R. W. P. Grand Master.

“ William Schneider, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 21, 45, 51, 52, 67, 72, 73, 91, 114, 115, 126, 127, 130, 134, 139, 141, 155, 84, 123, 158, 160, 165, 172 and 176 represented.

Twenty Seven Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at 7 o'clock in the Evening.

The following Communications from Lodges were presented and read, to wit :

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 69, held at Chester. Communication of the rejection of J—— R—— and D—— F——, and the suspension of W—— M——, for non-payment of dues.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 106, held at Williamsport, Lycoming Cot<sup>y</sup>. Election Return.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 139, held at Philadelphia. Communication of the Suspension of D—— S——, for non-payment of dues, and of J—— G——, for withholding or retaining the funds of the Lodge.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 145, held in Wilkinsburg, Allegheny Ct<sup>y</sup>. Election Return. Sundry amendments to the Bye Laws of said Lodge were presented and referred to the Committee on Bye Laws for examination.

The Committee on Bye Laws made report on the Bye Laws of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 179, which was read and is as follows, to wit :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

The Committee on Bye Laws to whom was referred for Examination the Bye Laws of Zebulon Lodge, N<sup>o</sup>. 179, held in Middlesmithfield Township, Pike County,  
Respectfully Report,

That they have carefully examined the same, and recommend their adoption with the following Amendments :

Article 7<sup>th</sup>. Strike out this Article and insert in lieu thereof as follows :

No Brother shall be admitted to Visit unless by Motion regularly made, seconded and carried for such admission, provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent such Motion being founded on the Voucher of a single Brother either a Member or a Visitor ; the Master for the time being having at all times power to admit such Brethren as he can vouch for. But if the Brother desirous of Visiting be not known as a Mason, the Master shall appoint one or more Members of this Lodge who are Master Masons to examine him, and upon his or their reporting that he is a lawful Ancient Mason he shall be admitted.

Article 12<sup>th</sup>. Strike out all that follows after the word "Article" in the "11th line."

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE A. BAKER, STEPHEN A. SMITH, NATHAN R. POTTS,	}	Committee.
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Philadelphia,  
June 4, 1822.



Which report was adopted.

The Committee of Finance made report which was read and is as follows, to wit :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

The Committee of Finance in obedience to the resolution of the Grand Lodge respectfully report an abstract of the receipts and Disbursements during the quarter commencing with St<sup>h</sup> John's day in December, 1821, and ending with 31 March, 1822, Viz :

*Receipts.*

By Lodge dues, . . . . .	2028.11
“ V. Guillou, rent, . . . . .	868.24
“ James Bennet, do., . . . . .	10.
“ Medical Society, . . . . .	40.
“ Balance of Account of the Committee of Arrangement of the procession at the dedication of the Hall, . . . . .	5.33
“ Balance of the Account of the late Hall Committee, . . . . .	11.18
“ Gas sold Victor Guillou, . . . . .	234.14
“ Dispensations, . . . . .	131.
“ Grand Lodge Certificates, . . . . .	11.15
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Total Receipts, . . . . .	3339.15

*Disbursements.*

To Interest on Masonic Loans, . . . . .	2826.
“ Gas Establishment, . . . . .	625.51
“ Printing and Advertising, . . . . .	178.51
“ Tying and Serving Notices, . . . . .	115.25
“ Building Committee, . . . . .	52.87
“ Hall Committee, . . . . .	280.67
“ Grand Secretary's Salary, . . . . .	87.50
“ Contingent Expenses, . . . . .	100.67
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Total Disburs <sup>ts</sup> ., . . . .	4266.98

Balance in the Treasury on St. John's day in December, 1821, \$2,438.14, and on the 31<sup>st</sup> March, 1822, \$1510.30.

Respectfully submitted,

Philadelphia, June 3<sup>d</sup>, 1822.

BERNARD DAHLGREN,  
WILLIAM PAGE,  
ROBERT TOLAND.

Which was ordered to be filed.

The Committee of Finance made report on the Account of Joseph S. Lewis, Grand Treasurer for the Year 1821, which was read and is as follows, to wit :

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

The Committee of Finance,

Respectfully Report,

That they have carefully examined the foregoing Account of the Grand Treasurer ending on the 27<sup>th</sup> December, 1821, and find the same correct, leaving a balance due to the Grand Lodge of Two Thousand Four Hundred and eighty three Dollars, fifty five Cents, which is Credited the Grand Lodge in New Account.

Philadelphia, 3 June, 1822.

BERNARD DAHLGREN,  
WILLIAM PAGE,  
W<sup>m</sup>. MAYWEG,  
R. TOLAND.

Which report was adopted.

The same Committee made report on the Account of George A. Baker, Grand Secretary for the year 1821, which was read and is as follows :

To the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

The Committee of Finance,  
Respectfully Report,

That they have examined the foregoing Account of the Grand Secretary ending the 31<sup>st</sup> December, 1821, and believe

the same to be correct, leaving a balance due to the Grand Secretary of Forty Five Dollars  $\frac{41}{100}$ .

Philadel<sup>a</sup>, June 3, 1822.

BERNARD DAHLGREN,  
WILLIAM PAGE,  
ROBERT TOLAND,  
W<sup>m</sup>. MAYWEG.

Which report was adopted.

The same Committee made report on the Account of George A. Baker, Grand Secretary, for the payment of Interest on the Masonic Loans in the year 1821, which was read and is as follows, to wit:

To the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

The Committee of Finance,  
Respectfully Report,

That they have examined the within Account of the Grand Secretary in Account of Interest on the Masonic Loans and find the same correct, leaving a balance uncalled for of One hundred and five Dollars on the 1<sup>st</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup>. 1822, which was lying in Girard's Bank, as per Bank Book.

Philadelphia, 12<sup>th</sup> June, 1822.

BERNARD DAHLGREN,  
WILLIAM PAGE,  
ROB. TOLAND,

Which report was adopted.

The same Committee made report on the Account of George A. Baker, Secretary of the Committee of Arrangement of the Masonic Procession, which was read and is as follows:

To the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

The Committee of Finance,  
Respectfully Report,

That they have examined the within Account of George A. Baker, as Secretary and Treasurer of the Committee of Arrangement of the Masonic Procession, and find the same cor-

rect, leaving a balance of Five Dollars fifty three Cents, which was paid to the Grand Treasurer as per receipt, 27<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>y</sup>. 1822.

Philadelphia, 12 June, 1822.

BERNARD DAHLGREN,  
WILLIAM PAGE,  
ROB. TOLAND.

Which report was adopted.

The same Committee made report on the Account of the Hall Committee for the Year 1821, which was read and is as follows :

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

The Committee of Finance to whom was referred the Account of the late Hall Committee, Beg leave to Report,

That they have carefully examined the same and compared it with the Vouchers, and find it to be correct.

Philad<sup>a</sup>. June 3<sup>d</sup>. 1822.

BERNARD DAHLGREN,  
WILLIAM PAGE,  
W<sup>m</sup>. MAYWEG.

Which report was adopted.

The same Committee made report on the Account of Joseph S. Lewis, Grand Treasurer, for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter in the present year, which was read and is as follows :

To the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

The Committee of Finance,  
Respectfully report,

That they have carefully examined the foregoing Account of the Grand Treasurer and find the same correct, leaving a balance due to the Grand Lodge on the 31<sup>st</sup> March last, of Twelve Hundred and fifty six dollars  $\frac{31}{100}$ .

Philadelphia, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1822.

BERNARD DAHLGREN,  
WILLIAM PAGE,  
W<sup>m</sup>. MAYWEG,  
ROB. TOLAND.

Which report was adopted.

The same Committee made report on the Account of George A. Baker, Grand Secretary, for the first quarter in the present year, which was read and is as follows :

To the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

The Committee of Finance,  
Respectfully Report,

That they have examined the within Account of the Grand Secretary ending the 31<sup>st</sup> March, 1822, and believe the same to be correct, leaving a balance of One Hundred and Nine Dollars  $\frac{69}{100}$  due to the Grand Lodge.

Philadelphia, 3 June, 1822.

BERNARD DAHLGREN,  
WILLIAM PAGE,  
ROB. TOLAND,  
W<sup>m</sup>. MAYWEG.

Which report was adopted.

The same Committee made report on the Account of the Grand Secretary for the payment of Interest on the Masonic Loans in the first quarter in the present year, which was read and is as follows :

To the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

The Committee of Finance,  
Respectfully Report,

That they have examined the above Account of the Grand Secretary in Account of Interest on the Masonic Loans from the 1<sup>st</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup>, 1822 to 31 March, 1822, and find the same correct, leaving a balance uncalled for of Three Hundred and forty five dollars, which was lying in Girard's Bank, as per Bank Book.

Philadelphia, 12 June, 1822.

BERNARD DAHLGREN.  
WILLIAM PAGE,  
R. TOLAND.

Which report was adopted.



An Account from the Committee of Charity commencing on the 5<sup>th</sup> March and ending on the 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 1822, was presented and read and ordered to be filed.

The Committee of Finance made report on the Accounts of the Building Committee, &c., which was read, when on Motion, the consideration thereof was postponed.

The Committee to whom was referred the Communication from the Hall Committee respecting the employment of a Watchman at the Hall, made report which was read and is as follows, to wit:

To the R. W. G. M., Officers and Members of the G. L. of Pennsylvania:

The Committee to whom was referred the Communication of the Hall Committee on the subject of continuing the Watchman at the Masonic Hall, Report, That the increased insurance which has lately been effected on the Hall renders the employment of a Watchman any longer unnecessary. They therefore offer the following resolution:

Resolved, that the further employment of a Watchman by the Grand Lodge be henceforth discontinued.

JAMES HARPER, }  
J. B. FREEMAN, } Committee.

Which report was adopted.

The Committee on Land Marks to whom was referred the Letter from Bro. Henry Shippen, S. Warden of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 178, held at Huntingdon, made report which was read and is as follows:

To the R. W. the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

The Committee on Land Marks, to whom was referred the Communication from Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 178, held at Huntingdon, relative to the initiation of D<sup>r</sup>. Proctor Cadwallader, beg leave to report,

That it appears D<sup>r</sup>. Cadwallader is a Man of good Moral Character, but that he is subjected to a natural infirmity, the precise extent of which is not stated, nor its consequences so far as they relate to the subject matter now under consideration. Your Committee therefore can only lay down well

known and established rules, leaving Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 178 to make the proper Application. The possession of a good moral Character and the physical and Moral ability to hold fellowship and communion in the universal Language of Masonry with the Craft are indispensable requisites to a participation in its rights and privileges. It therefore follows that if an absolute incapacity to unite in performing and communicating our forms and ceremonies exist, it is a bar to admission into the order.

There are no doubt many instances in which these regulations may operate severely upon candidates who have sustained in life a good reputation and who might become useful and zealous Members of the order, but these regulations are coeval with the existence of the Institution and cannot be dispensed with by the exercise of any authority vested either in the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge.

Without a more intimate knowledge of the case than could be with propriety communicated in writing, the Committee are unable to decide upon the point submitted; they have however full confidence in the intelligence and prudence of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 178, and would therefore offer the following resolution for the adoption of the Grand Lodge.

Resolved, that the Case of D<sup>r</sup>. Proctor Cadwallader be referred back to Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 178, to be determined by them on the principles laid down in the foregoing report.

JOSIAH RANDALL,	} Committee.
JAMES HARPER,	
TH. KITTERA,	
HENRY HORN,	
HENRY BENNER,	
ANDREW HOOTON,	
EDWARD KING.	

Phil<sup>a</sup>. 14 June, 1822.

Which report was adopted.

The Committee to whom was referred sundry Communications relative to David Vinton, made report which was read and is as follows:

To the R. Worshipful the Grand Lodge of the State of Pennsylvania :

The Committee to whom was referred the Communications from the Grand Lodge of North Carolina and Washington Lodge, N<sup>o</sup> 15, held at Washington, in the State of Georgia, beg leave to report :

That it appears a certain David Vinton of the State of Rhode Island left his residence and travelled to the Southward for the purpose of delivering lectures on the principles, forms and Ceremonies of Free Masonry. That the said Vinton visited the Lodges in North Carolina and professed to give them Masonic instruction. Certain reports having reached the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, at the suggestion of the Grand Master a Committee was appointed by that Grand Lodge to enquire into the Character and Conduct of the said Vinton, who having collected and reported to the Grand Lodge a Mass of information, that body prohibited the Lodges under its Jurisdiction from holding intercourse with or extending their patronage towards the said Vinton. At the time this measure was adopted Vinton was delivering Lectures to the said Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 15, in Georgia, who immediately published in print and communicated to this Grand Lodge an address to their Masonic Brethren within the U. States, vindicating the Character and principles of the said Vinton, and denouncing the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, as unjust and contrary to the Ancient usages of the Order.

Your Committee do not mean to enter into any examination of the Merits of Vinton, tho' they are fully impressed with the opinion that the Grand Lodge of North Carolina were justified in the View they had taken of him, and that he was undeserving of the patronage or pecuniary aid of the Craft.

The Grand Lodge of North Carolina possessed the undoubted right of prohibiting the Lodges under its Jurisdiction from holding intercourse with any Individual who they supposed was practising deception upon the Craft. The exercise of this power was the undoubted attribute of their sovereignty and Independence. If the Individual were injured he might

apply to the Grand Lodge who would doubtlessly grant him relief if he were worthy of it, and this Grand Lodge have such confidence in the intelligence of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina as to believe that if Vinton were an innocent Man, they would have instantly restored him to fellowship and Communion among the Lodges.

Should however the Grand Lodge of North Carolina or any other Grand Lodge have taken this measure unadvisedly, it might become a Matter of friendly and brotherly confidence and remonstrance between the Grand Lodge from which the Individual hailed and the body excluding him. But most certainly it was not within the scope of the power of a subordinate Lodge, where the said Vinton happened to be a transient itinerant and with whom he had no legitimate connection, to take up his cause and publish to the world a protest against the proceedings of an Independent and foreign Grand Lodge, who appear to have acted with the utmost care and circumspection. If Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 15 in Georgia were so deeply impressed with the wrongs of Vinton, they might have instructed their representatives to have brought his case before the Grand Lodge of Georgia, who would have done whatever was right and proper in the premisses.

Your Committee believe that the precedent set by the said Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 15 is most extraordinary, and if followed will be most pernicious in its consequences. The evils need not be depicted of having the proceedings of Our different Grand Lodges reviewed, examined, denounced and protested against by the different subordinate Lodges in other States. The utmost confusion and disorder must ensue, and the harmony and social intercourse with the different Grand and Subordinate Lodges would be destroyed. Your Committee would however add, that they believe Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 15 were actuated by correct motives in their interference on this occasion, and they are pleased to observe that Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 15 recognize the general respectability of that body, against whose proceedings in the particular case they have so bitterly inveighed.

Your Committee therefore offer the following resolutions :

Resolved, that in the opinion of this Grand Lodge the

Grand Lodge of North Carolina had the undoubted right to prohibit the Lodges under its Jurisdiction from holding intercourse with the said David Vinton, and that for so doing they were not amenable to any other authority, but more particularly a subordinate Lodge under another Jurisdiction.

Resolved, that the Grand Secretary be requested to transmit Copies of the foregoing report and resolution to the Grand Lodge of North Carolina and Georgia.

JOSIAH RANDALL,  
JOSEPH R. HOPKINS, } Committee.  
JOHN DARRAGH,

Which report and resolutions were adopted.

The Committee to whom was referred the Complaint against the Gas Establishment, made report which was read and is as follows :

The Committee to whom was referred a Memorial of sundry of Our fellow Citizens residing in the neighbourhood of the Masonic Hall, on the subject of the Gas House, respectfully report,

That they have made it a duty to see and converse with several of the most prominent of the above mentioned memorialists, since the last meeting of the Grand Lodge.

That the smell issuing from the Gas House heretofore has been, from the representations made to your Committee, greater than it will probably be hereafter, and was, no doubt, extremely annoying and offensive to those immediately in the neighbourhood. This is ascribable to the cleansing given to a part of the structure during last fall.

That the present and pressing subject of alarm with the Memorialists appears to be the intention supposed to exist in this Grand Lodge of converting the Gas establishment into an instrument of profit, of enlarging its dimensions, and of course increasing its noxious exhalations. The Memorialists do not seem to your Committee very much averse to the continuance of the manufactory upon its present scale ; provided some additional efforts be made to keep it clean and to confine the Gas as much as possible.



The Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following Resolution :

Resolved, that the said Committee be discharged from any further consideration of the subject.

TH. KITTERA,  
G. M. DALLAS,  
RICH<sup>d</sup>. POVALL.

Which report and resolution were adopted.

The Committee to whom was recommitted the report on the Complaint of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 177 against Brother Daniel W. Dingman, together with the Petition from said Lodge, requesting a rehearing of the Case, made report which was read and is as follows, to wit :

The Committee appointed at the Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication, April 6, 1822, and to whom was re-committed the Report of the Committee on the Complaint of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 177 against Brother Daniel W. Dingman, together with the Petition of the Worshipful Master of said Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 177, praying for a rehearing in this Case, report,

That they have taken the same into serious consideration, and have examined with attention the voluminous testimony and documents relative to the first investigation. They have also sent for and examined personally Brother Joseph Brooks, who was not present on the enquiry before the first Committee, and whose testimony was deemed of much importance by Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 177.

In taking a review of this case it appears that Delaware Lodge, N<sup>o</sup>. 177, preferred a Complaint against Brother Daniel W. Dingman, for using reproachful language and charging the Members of said Lodge with sundry illegal and immoral transactions, unworthy the Character of honest Men, and most disreputable in a Masonic point of view.

To investigate the cause of complaint by Delaware Lodge, N<sup>o</sup>. 177, against Brother Dingman, the Grand Lodge appointed Brothers I. C. Baum, C. J. Hutter and John Dolby, a majority of whom attended at the Lodge room in M<sup>r</sup>. Hornbeck's House, Pike County, on Saturday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of November last.

When, having heard at great length the testimony of the Complainants as well as of the accused, transcripts of which has been furnished this Grand Lodge, they reported in substance, "That they believe Bro. Dingman to be censurable for "not bringing a formal complaint against Delaware Lodge No. "177, having had full knowledge of the Character of its leading Members, but they are of opinion judging from the testimony given before them, that Brother Dingman was not "actuated by personal malice against the individual Members "of Delaware Lodge, nor by any disrespect against the "Masonic order, and that Delaware Lodge had no reason to "complain against him."

From this decision Delaware Lodge, No. 177, has appealed, and is desirous that the case may be again opened to investigation and a rehearing granted.

Your Committee taking into consideration the testimony adduced by both parties, with the additional examination of Brother Brooks, are of opinion that there is not sufficient ground for setting aside the report of the first Committee or granting a rehearing in this case, for although there appears from subsequent documents sufficient evidence to prove that some of the charges made by Brother Dingman against this Lodge were without foundation ; yet as it does not appear that he was the Author of these false reports, or propagated them with a malicious or unmasonic intention, Your Committee believe that by again having this subject discussed in the vicinity of the complainants and the accused, it would only tend to keep alive those angry feelings which all good Men, and more particularly good Masons, should endeavour to repress.

Your Committee while investigating the subject referred to them have been painfully impressed by the very serious charges made against many of the Members of Lodge No. 177, by Brother Dingman in extenuation of the opinion he had expressed relative to several of these Brethren, one of whom, Thomas P. Gustin, it appears had been indicted for perjury. It is with much pleasure the Committee now state that in a competent judicial tribunal Bro<sup>r</sup>. Thomas P. Gustin was ac-

quitted of this most heinous charge, and it is hoped that other Members implicated by the testimony in the former examination might make explanations that would in some degree remove the odium which their conduct as represented by the testimony reflects upon the Masonic Society.

Under these circumstances, and after having maturely weighed the testimony of Brother Brooks, and having taken down the answers in writing made by Bro. Brooks to certain interrogations proposed to him, which answers are herewith submitted, and it appearing that the communication made by Brother Dingman to Brother Brooks was made in masonic confidence, Your Committee recommend to Grand Lodge the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, that it is inexpedient to grant a rehearing on the complaint of Delaware Lodge, N<sup>o</sup>. 177, against Brother Daniel W. Dingman.

W <sup>m</sup> . BOYD,	} Committee.
S. WONDERLY,	
HENRY HARRISON,	

Philad<sup>a</sup>, May 28<sup>th</sup>, 1822.

Which report and resolution were adopted.

On Motion, the Committee to revise and prepare a New Edition of the Ahiman Rezon for publication were discharged.

On Motion of Brother King and Seconded,

Resolved, that a Committee of three Members of the Grand Lodge of which the R. W. Grand Master shall be one, be appointed to digest and report on Ahiman Rezon for the Government of this Grand Lodge.

The R. W. Grand Master appointed Brothers Randall and Dahlgren to be the remainder of the said Committee. This appointment was made by Grand Master Gibson in 1824.

Brother Nisbet on behalf of a Committee of the Grand Chapter made the following Communication, that on the 20<sup>th</sup> of May last sundry resolutions for the reorganization of the Grand Chapter were presented and read, when it was "Resolved, that the resolutions now presented for the Government of this Grand Chapter be referred to a Committee of

“five Members to examine and report thereon and that the R. W. Grand Lodge be respectfully invited to appoint a like Committee to confer on the same with the Committee appointed by this Grand Chapter,” and that Brothers McAlpin, Bradford, Russel, Erringer and himself were appointed a Committee for the purpose.

Whereupon, on Motion and Seconded,

The resolution laid on the table on the 7<sup>th</sup> January last by Bro. Dahlgren relative to the appointment of a Committee to enquire into the expediency of changing the existing Government of R. A. Masonry, amended by the Grand Lodge on the 1<sup>st</sup> April last, was taken up for consideration and adopted as amended.

The R. W. Grand Master appointed the following Brethren on said Committee: Bayse Newcomb, Edward King, Thomas Amies, Robert Toland and Bernard Dahlgren.

Grand Lodge Adjourned in harmony at 10 o'clock, P. M. to meet again on Monday, the 1<sup>st</sup> day of July next, at 7 o'clock in the Evening.

GEORGE A. BAKER,  
Grand Secretary.

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ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST'S DAY, Philadelphia, Monday, June 24<sup>th</sup>,  
A. D. 1822, A. L. 5822.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand General Communication.

Present :

Bro. JOSIAH RANDALL, R. W. Grand Master.

“ Henry Benner, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, P. T.

“ Edward King, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P. T.

“ George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

“ William Wray, R. W. Grand Treasurer, P. T.

“ Randal Hutchinson, Senior Grand Deacon.

“ Michael H. Anthony, Junior Grand Deacon.

Rev. Bro. George Potts, Grand Chaplain.

Bro. Josiah Evans, Grand Sword Bearer.

Bro. David E. Wilson, Grand Marshal.

“ Charles Schneider, Grand Pursuivant.

“ William Schneider, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 9, 19, 21, 45, 51, 52, 59, 71, 84, 91, 114, 126, 127, 130, 134, 141, and 172 represented.

Eighteen Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

A Petition was received and read from Brother William Creth, making a Complaint against Brother Joseph Williamson, W. Master of Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 9, which was referred to Brothers Henry Benner, Isaac P. Cole and Edward King to inquire and make report.

A Petition was received and read from Lodge, N<sup>o</sup> 43, held at Lancaster, complaining of the oppressiveness of the dues of the Grand Lodge and praying for their reduction, which was referred to Brothers John B. Gibson, James Harper and Bernard Dahlgren to enquire and make report.

Return of Members and

Account of Dues of Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 43 were presented.

A Letter was received and read from Brother John Turk, W. Master of Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 106, held in Williamsport, Lycoming County, complaining that a Person, three times rejected by said Lodge, had been initiated in Northumberland Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 148, which was referred to the Committee on Landmarks to enquire and make report.

Communications were received and read from the following Grand Lodges, and ordered to be deposited among the Archives of the Grand Lodge, to wit: Lower Canada, Nova Scotia, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Kentucky, Ohio, Tennessee, Indiana and Louisiana.

A Copy of the proceedings and Constitution of a Grand Lodge lately established in the State of Alabama was received and referred to the Committee of Correspondence to examine and make report.

Grand Lodge closed in harmony at 11 o'clock in the forenoon.

GEORGE A. BAKER,

Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, A. D. 1822, A. L. 5822.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, In Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

Bro. JOSIAH RANDALL, R. W. Grand Master.

“ James Harper, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, P. T.

“ Anthony Fannen, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, P. T.

“ John Uhle, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P. T.

“ George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

“ David E. Wilson, R. W. Grand Treasurer, P. T.

“ Nathan R. Potts, Deputy Grand Secretary.

“ David Moody, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.

“ Michael Nisbet, Junior Grand Deacon.

Rev<sup>d</sup>. Bro. Abner Kneeland, Grand Chaplain, P. T.

Bro. Henry Alcorn, Grand Sword Bearer, P. T.

“ Alva Mason, Grand Marshal, P. T.

“ Samuel H. Perkins, Grand Pursuivant.

“ Charles Schneider, Grand Tyler, P. T.

Lodges Nos. 9, 21, 45, 52, 67, 71, 73, 115, 126, 127, 139, 141, 158, 165, 172 and 176 represented.

Sixteen Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at 7 o'clock in the Evening.

The following Returns, &c., from Lodges were received and read.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 67, held at Philadelphia. Return of Election of Secretary of said Lodge whereby it appeared that William Baker was Unanimously elected.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 114, held at Philadelphia. Communication of the suspension of D—— J. R—— and S—— S—— for non payment of Dues.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 173, held at Laurenceville, Alleghany Co<sup>ty</sup>. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge dues.

A Communication containing the Names and Signatures of the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of Maryland for the present year was received and read and ordered to be filed.

The Grand Lodge proceeded to the consideration of the re-

port of the Committee of Finance on the Accounts of the Building Committee, when the following resolutions contained in the said report were amended and adopted, to wit :

Resolved, that the Building Committee be requested to surrender to the Grand Secretary all the books and vouchers which go to support that part of their Account, which embrace their disbursements through the hands of the Superintendent the Grand Secretary giving them a receipt therefore.

Resolved, that the Grand Secretary furnished the Committee of Finance with a particular list of all the donations to the rebuilding of the Hall of every kind, particularly designating those paid and those unpaid.

On Motion and Seconded,

Resolved, that the said report with the exception of the said resolution, be recommitted to the Committee of Finance together with the additional vouchers now produced.

Brother Gordon offered the following Resolutions.

Resolved, that it is expedient for this Grand Lodge to manufacture Gas to supply the Theatre, Museum and Atheneum.

Resolved, that it is expedient to put the Gas Works immediately in full and complete repair.

Grand Lodge adjourned in harmony at 10 o'clock, P. M., to meet again on Monday next at 7 o'clock in the Evening.

GEORGE A. BAKER,

Grand Secretary.

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PHILADELPHIA, Monday, July 8<sup>th</sup>, A. D. 1822, A. L. 5822.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

BRO. JOSIAH RANDALL, R. W. Grand Master.

“ James Harper, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, P. T.

“ Michael Nisbet, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, P. T.

“ Jos. R. Hopkins, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P. T.

“ George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary, P. T.

Bro. Anthony Fannen, R. W. Grand Treasurer, P. T.

“ David Boyd, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.

“ David E. Wilson, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.

“ David H. Mason, Grand Sword Bearer, P. T.

“ Josiah Evans, Grand Marshal, P. T.

“ Sam. H. Perkins, Grand Pursuivant, P. T.

“ William Schneider, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 9, 21, 45, 52, 59, 67, 73, 91, 114, 115, 126, 127, 130, 134, 141, 158, 160, 165, 172 and 176 represented.

Twenty Lodges being represented Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at 7½ o'clock in the Evening.

The Committee of Finance made report on the Account of the Grand Secretary for the second quarter, which was read and is as follows :

The Committee of Finance

Respectfully report :

That they have examined the within Account of the Grand Secretary for the quarter ending on the 30<sup>th</sup> Ult<sup>o</sup>. and believe the same to be correct, leaving a balance due to the Grand Lodge of One Hundred and twenty eight Dollars seventy seven Cents.

Philadelphia, 1<sup>st</sup> July, 1822.

BERNARD DAHLGREN.

WILLIAM PAGE.

ROB. TOLAND.

W<sup>m</sup>. MAYWEG.

Which report was adopted.

The same Committee made report on the Account of the Grand Secretary for Interest paid in the Second Quarter on the Masonic Loans which was read and is as follows :

To the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

The Committee of Finance

Respectfully Report :

That they have examined the foregoing Account of the Grand Secretary in payment of Interest on the Masonic Loans to the 30<sup>th</sup> Ult<sup>o</sup>. and find the same correct leaving a balance



remaining uncall'd for of One hundred and eleven Dollars, which sum was lying in Girards Bank, as per Bank Book.  
Philadelphia, 1 July, 1822.

BERNARD DAHLGREN.  
WILLIAM PAGE.  
ROBERT TOLAND.  
W<sup>m</sup>. MAYWEG.

Which report was adopted.

The same Committee made report on the Account of the Grand Treasurer for the second quarter, which was read and is as follows:

To the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

The Committee of Finance

Respectfully Report:

That they have examined the within Account of the Grand Treasurer commencing on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of April and ending on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of June last, and compared the same with the Vouchers, leaving a balance of Thirty six Dollars twenty four Cents due to the Grand Lodge, which they find correct.

Philadelphia, 1<sup>st</sup> July, 1822.

BERNARD DAHLGREN.  
WILLIAM PAGE.  
ROB<sup>t</sup>. TOLAND.  
W<sup>m</sup>. MAYWEG.

Which report was adopted.

The same Committee made report on the Account of the Hall Committee for the second quarter which was read and is as follows:

The Committee of Finance

Respectfully report:

That they have examined the within Account of the Hall Committee commencing the 1<sup>st</sup> April and ending on the 30<sup>th</sup> Ult<sup>o</sup>. compared the same with the vouchers and find it correct

leaving a balance due to the Treasurer of said Committee of Eight Dollars and twenty nine Cents.

Philadelphia, 1<sup>st</sup> July, 1822.

BERNARD DAHLGREN,  
WILLIAM PAGE,  
ROB. TOLAND,  
W<sup>m</sup>. MAYWEG.

Which report was adopted.

The same Committee made report on the Account of the Gas Committee, which was read and is as follows :

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

The Committee on Finance

Report :

That on examining the within Account of the Gas Committee for the second quarter of 1822 and comparing it with the Vouchers accompanying it, they find the same to be correct, leaving a balance of One hundred and nineteen Dollars, eighteen Cents due to the Grand Lodge on the 30<sup>th</sup> Ult<sup>o</sup> all which is respectfully submitted.

Philadelphia, 8<sup>th</sup> July, 1822.

BERNARD DAHLGREN,  
WILLIAM PAGE,  
ROB. TOLAND.

Which report was adopted.

The same Committee made report of the receipts and expenditures during the second quarter which was read and is as follows :

The Committee of Finance in obedience to the Resolution of the Grand Lodge respectfully report an abstract of the receipts and disbursements during the quarter commencing with the 1 April, 1822 and ending with 30 June, 1822, Viz :

*Receipts.*

By Lodge dues . . . . .	\$1542.28
“ Building Committee . . . . .	2.
“ Donations to the Building . . . . .	32.
“ Old Ropes and Nails sold by the Hall Committee . . . . .	20.78

*Receipts.*

By Gas sold to Victor Guillou . . . . .	182.30
“ Tar oil sold by the present Gas Committee. . . . .	86.31
“ Balance of Tar Oil sold by the late Gas Committee . . . . .	42.42
“ Dispensations . . . . .	221.58
“ Certificates . . . . .	23.50
<b>Total receipts . . . . .</b>	<b>\$2153.17</b>

*Disbursements.*

To Interest on Masonic Loans . . . . .	\$1626.
“ Sinking fund . . . . .	1000.
“ Gas Establishment . . . . .	216.82
“ Hall Committee. . . . .	148.40
“ G. Secretary's Salary . . . . .	237.50
“ Premium of insurance of 21,000 insured in New York . . . . .	79.75
“ Balance due F. Kalisky on a stove . . . . .	41.67
“ Advertising . . . . .	8.
“ Postages . . . . .	9.54
“ Discount on Bank Notes . . . . .	5.48
“ Blank Certificates . . . . .	14.42
<b>Total Disbursements . . . . .</b>	<b>\$3387.58</b>

Balance in the Treasury 31 March, 1822, was \$1510.30 and on 30 June 1822, was \$275.90.

Respectfully submitted by

BERNARD DAHLGREN,  
WILLIAM PAGE,  
ROB. TOLAND,  
W<sup>M</sup>. MAYWEG.

Philad<sup>a</sup>, 1 July, 1822.

Which report was adopted.

On Motion of Brother Dahlgren and Seconded,  
Resolved, that the Gas Committee be requested to furnish a

statement of Tar Oil and of Gas sold since the appointment of the present Gas Committee at the next meeting of this Grand Lodge.

The following Resolution laid on the table on the 7 January last was taken up for consideration and adopted.

Resolved, that the Committee on the Ahiman Rezon be instructed to digest a New Code of Rules and Regulations for the government of this Grand Lodge, and to report the same to this Grand Lodge whenever they may report the new Ahiman Rezon.

A Commission duly executed was received and read from Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 106, appointing Brother Robert Toland, Proxy, to represent said Lodge in the Grand Lodge.

Whereupon, on Motion and Seconded.

Brother Toland was recognized as Proxy for said Lodge.

Grand Lodge proceeded to the consideration of the first resolution offered by Brother Gordon at the last Meeting when on the question being taken, shall this resolution be adopted? It was decided in the Negative.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at half past 10 o'clock,  
P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,  
Grand Secretary.

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PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, A. D. 1822, A. L. 5822.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Special Communication.

Present :

Bro. JOSIAH RANDALL, R. W. Grand Master.

“ James Harper, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

“ Richard Mansfield, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P. T.

“ George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

“ Anthony Fannen, R. W. Grand Treasurer, P. T.

“ Nathan R. Potts, Deputy Grand Secretary.

“ Randall Hutchinson, Senior Grand Deacon.

“ Alva Mason, Junior Grand Deacon.

“ Michael H. Anthony, Grand Sword Bearer.

Bro. Thomas Jones, Grand Marshal.

“ Robert R. Bell, Grand Pursuivant.

“ Samuel F. Bradford, R. W. Past Grand Master.

“ Bayse Newcomb, R. W. Past Grand Master.

“ William Schneider, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 21, 45, 51, 52, 67, 73, 84, 91, 114, 123, 125, 126, 127, 131, 134, 141, 165, 172 and 176 represented.

Twenty Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at half past 7 o'clock in the Evening.

The R. W. Grand Master stated that the Trustees appointed to obtain on Loan the sum of \$2000 for the purpose of putting the Gas Apparatus into a complete state of repair, had reported to him, that the greater part of the said Loan had been subscribed for, and that they expected in a short time to obtain subscriptions for the whole amount. He had therefore directed this Special Meeting to be called, in order that the Grand Lodge might take such measures in relation thereto as they should judge necessary. Whereupon,

On Motion of Brother Dahlgren and Seconded, the following preamble and Resolutions were adopted.

Whereas, the Trustees appointed on the 30 April, 1822, to raise a Loan of \$2000 on a pledge of the Gas Manufactory and its profits, have reported that they have obtained subscriptions for the greater part of the said Loan and expect by further exertions to obtain the remainder. Therefore,

Resolved, that the said Trustees be and they are hereby authorized to carry the plan of the said Loan into effect, and to dispose of the amount so paid into their hands in the manner therein designated, any thing in the said report to the contrary notwithstanding.

Resolved, that a Committee of three be appointed to proceed as soon as practicable to the permanent repairs of the Gas Manufactory.

The R. W. Grand Master appointed Bro<sup>rs</sup>. Thomas Harper, George H. Burgin and John W. Harris, a Committee for the above purpose.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 91, held at Philadelphia. Communication of the rejection of P—— G—— by said Lodge.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 178, held at Huntingdon. A Copy of the Bye Laws of said Lodge was presented and referred to the Committee on Bye Laws for examination.

A Communication was received and read from the Grand Lodge of New York, containing the Names of their Grand Officers for the present year and the report of the Committee to whom was referred the proposal for forming a General Grand Lodge of the United States, and the report made by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania on that subject which report is as follows :

“That having considered the subject submitted to them, “and with due deference to the creditable source from whence “the communication originated, they were of opinion that it “is inexpedient to form a General Grand Lodge of the United “States, and further that it is unnecessary to adopt any “measures for an occasional convocation of delegates from “the different Grand Lodges of the respective states, as proposed by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. Which report “being read was accepted, approved and confirmed.”

Ordered, that said Communication be deposited among the Archives of this Grand Lodge.

A Communication was received from the Grand Lodge of Maine, containing the Names of their Grand Officers, &c., which was ordered to be deposited among the Archives of the Grand Lodge.

The following Resolution was offered by Brother Thomas Jones and the consideration thereof postponed until the next Grand Quarterly Communication.

Resolved, that the Committee appointed on the application of W—— P—— appealing from a Vote of rejection in Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 45, be discharged and that the vote of rejection in said Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 45, be and the same is hereby reversed.

Brother Dahlgren laid the following resolutions on the table.

Resolved, that the report of the Committee appointed to prepare a plan for procuring a sum of Money sufficient to pay for the repairs of the Gas Apparatus, adopted on the 30<sup>th</sup> April last be reconsidered.

Resolved, that the Grand Treasurer be authorized to pay to the Committee appointed to repair the Gas Manufactory the sum of Forty Dollars, subscribed by Caleb North in the year 1820, towards rebuilding the Gas Manufactory.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 8 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,  
Grand Secretary.

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PHILADELPHIA, Monday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, A. D. 1822, A. L. 5822.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

Bro. JAMES HARPER, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, Presiding as Grand Master.

- " Thomas Kittera, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, P. T.
- " Joseph R. Hopkins, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P. T.
- " George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
- " Anthony Fannen, R. W. Grand Treasurer, P. T.
- " Edward King, Deputy Grand Secretary, P. T.
- " Robert Toland, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.
- " Michael Nisbet, Junior Grand Deacon.

Rev. Bro. Abner Kneeland, Grand Chaplain, P. T.

Bro. David Boyd, Grand Sword Bearer, P. T.

- " Isaac P. Cole, Grand Marshal, P. T.
- " John Uhle, Grand Pursuivant, P. T.
- " Bayse Newcomb, R. W. P. G. Master.
- " William Schneider, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 9, 19, 45, 51, 52, 67, 73, 91, 114, 123, 125, 126, 127, 128, 131, 134, 135, 139, 141, 143, 155, 160, 165 and 176 represented.

Twenty Four Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in form at 7 o'clock in the Evening, the R. W. Senior Grand Warden being in the Chair.

The Minutes of the last Grand Quarterly Communication and of the Meetings held since were read and approved.

A Petition was received and read from divers Ancient York

Master Masons praying for a warrant to hold a Lodge at the General Jackson Inn, in the Township of Tredyffring, in the County of Chester, to be called "Farmer's Lodge, N<sup>o</sup> " and that Brother Major McVeagh, might be named the first Master; Brother James Todd, the first Senior Warden, and Brother Adam B. Williamson, the first Junior Warden thereof. Which Petition being in due form and recommended agreeably to the rules and regulations of the Grand Lodge, it was

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that the prayer of the Petition be granted that Brother Grand Secretary make out a Warrant accordingly and that the same be Numbered 183.

The following Returns, &c., of Lodges were received and read, Viz:

Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 9, held at Philadelphia. Communication of the reinstatement of A—— S—— who had been suspended by Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 9 for Non payment of dues.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 106, held at Williamsport, Lycoming County. Account of Dues. Return of Members, containing the rejection of A—— H——, J—— T——, J—— G——, B—— P——, T—— S——, J—— M——, A—— S——, J—— S——, A—— L——, T—— C——, jun., E—— C—— and A—— H——.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 108, held at Wysox and Orwell. Election Returns for 1817-18-19-1820. Accounts of Dues for 1818-19-20-21. Returns of Members for 1818-19-20-21. A Petition was also received and read from said Lodge praying the Grand Lodge to exonerate them from the payment of the dues of certain Members amounting to \$32. Which was referred to the Committee of Finance to inquire and make report.

A Petition was received and read from the Officers of Hermans Lodge, N<sup>o</sup> 125, held at Philadelphia, stating that at the Meeting of said Lodge on the 23<sup>rd</sup> August last, Michael Bayer a Candidate for Initiation into the Mysteries of Masonry after being reported favourably of, was ballotted for, when upon examining the Ballots there appeared one negative Vote against



him. That the Brother who Voted in the Negative had since acknowledged that he did it from erroneous impressions respecting the Character of the said Candidate, that he is now perfectly satisfied that the Candidate is a Man of good Character and is desirous that he should be initiated by said Lodge. They therefore prayed on behalf of the Lodge for permission to go into another ballot for the said Michael Bayer and if found worthy to initiate him into the Mysteries of Our Order and admit him to Membership.

Whereupon, On Motion and Seconded,

Resolved, that Herman's Lodge, N<sup>o</sup>. 125, be and hereby is authorized to go into a new ballot for Michael Bayer and if found worthy to initiate him into the Mysteries of Masonry and admit him to Membership.

A Petition was received and read from Brother C. R. Bowen, Senior Warden of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 139, and a Member of the Grand Lodge, complaining against Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 52 for refusing to admit him as a Visitor in said Lodge on the 7<sup>th</sup> August last. Whereupon,

On Motion and Seconded, said Petition was referred to Brothers Thomas Kittera, Bernard Dahlgren and Robert Toland to enquire and make report.

Brother Robert Toland, Proxy of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 106, held at Williamsport, Lycoming County, laid before Grand Lodge a Letter he had received from said Lodge stating that on the 17<sup>th</sup> April, 1821, Edward Culvert applied to said Lodge for initiation, upon which a Committee was appointed to inquire into his Character who made an unfavourable report. That on the 6<sup>th</sup> May, 1822, he applied again and a Committee of enquiry was appointed who made a favourable report, whereupon he was ballotted for, approved of and received the first and second degrees. That by a reference to the resolution of Grand Lodge of the 7<sup>th</sup> March, 1814, forwarded to them by Bro. Toland, it was evident they had acted irregularly, a Copy of which resolution was not to be found in the Archives of the Lodge since they had the honor of becoming Members. They therefore requested the Grand Lodge to confirm what they had already done and to permit them to confer the other degree. Whereupon,

On Motion and Seconded,

Resolved, that the proceedings of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 106, in the Case of Edward Culvert be and the same are hereby confirmed, and that said Lodge is hereby authorized to confer the other degree on him.

An Extract from the Minutes of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 43, held at Lancaster, of the 12 June, 1822, recommending to the Grand Lodge for assistance the Widow and Children of Brother Robert McElwee, deceased, late a Member of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 21, held at Harrisburg and formerly a Member of said Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 43, was received and read, and referred to Brothers William Boyd, D. H. Mason and Henry Benner to enquire and make report.

The Committee appointed on the Appeal of Thomas M. Hall, from a Vote of expulsion passed against him by Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 115, made report which was read, when on Motion and Seconded, the Consideration thereof was postponed until the next meeting of the Grand Lodge.

The Committee to whom was referred the Complaint of Bro. William Creth against Bro. Joseph Williamson, W. Master of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 9, made report which was read and is as follows :

To the Right Worshipful the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

The Committee appointed to enquire into and make report on the Complaint of Brother William Creth against Brother Joseph Williamson, Worshipful Master of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 9,

Respectfully Report :

That in pursuance of the duties of their appointment they summoned the parties before them and proceeded into the investigation of the charge referred to them. That after having attentively considered the testimony they are of opinion the charge of inventing the injurious reports that have for some time circulated against Brother Creth has not been substantiated against Bro. Williamson nor is he in the opinion of the Committee guilty of circulating them through malicious motives, but simply appears to have given a ready ear to an idle tale destitute of truth and probability.

While the Committee feel gratified in pronouncing Brother

Williamson guiltless of the more serious charge of inventing and maliciously circulating reports derogatory to Brother Creth's Masonic Character they feel it their duty to declare that Brother Williamson would have acted more in accordance with his Masonic duties if he had evinced as great a disposition to repress the slander as he did credulity in believing it. No point of Masonic duty is more obvious than this; that a Mason should receive an Accusation against the Moral standing of his brother with caution and distrust; that the proofs on which it is predicted ought to be direct and conclusive and that even if they are so far so as to satisfy his mind of the fault of the brother charged he ought rather by private admonition and friendly remonstrance to conduct him back to the path of propriety than to give publicity to his offence.

Had this principle regulated Brother Williamson the necessity of this enquiry would never have arisen and much private bitterness and irritability which has been created between the parties and their friends would never have existed.

Your Committee respectfully in conclusion offer the following resolution to the Grand Lodge.

Resolved, that the Committee on the complaint of Brother Creth against Brother Williamson, W. Master of Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 9, be and are hereby discharged.

(Sign'd)

H. BENNER,  
EDWARD KING,  
ISAAC P. COLE.

Which report was adopted.

The following Resolution laid on the Table by Brother Dahlgren on the 1<sup>st</sup> August last was taken up for consideration and adopted.

Resolved, that the Grand Treasurer be authorized to pay to the Committee appointed to repair the Gas Manufactory the sum of Forty Dollars, subscribed by Caleb North in the Year 1820, towards rebuilding the Gas Manufactory.

Grand Lodge proceeded to the consideration of the resolution laid on the table by Bro. Dahlgren on the 1<sup>st</sup> August last, to reconsider the report of the Committee appointed to prepare a

plan to procure a sum of Money sufficient to pay for the repairs of the Gas Apparatus. When the question being taken, shall the report of the Committee be reconsidered? it was decided in the affirmative.

On Motion the following part of the said report was stricken out, "and provided also that if the whole sum of Two thousand dollars shall not be subscribed and paid within Thirty days from the appointment of the said Trustees, then this Loan shall not take effect and the sums paid, if any, shall be returned to the subscribers respectively."

On Motion the said report as altered was then adopted.

Grand Lodge adjourned in Harmony at 10 o'clock, P. M. to meet again on Monday the 16<sup>th</sup> instant at 7 o'clock in the Evening.

GEORGE A. BAKER,  
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, September 16, A. D. 1822, A. L. 5822.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present.

BRO. JOSIAH RANDALL, R. W. Grand Master.

- " James Harper, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, P. T.
- " Thomas Kittera, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, P. T.
- " Emmor T. Weaver, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P. T.
- " George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
- " David Boyd, R. W. Grand Treasurer, P. T.
- " Nathan R. Potts, Deputy Grand Secretary.
- " Randal Hutchinson, Senior Grand Deacon.
- " Michael Nisbet, Junior Grand Deacon.
- " Henry Benner, Grand Sword Bearer, P. T.
- " Anthony Fannen, Grand Marshal, P. T.
- " Charles Schneider, Grand Pursuivant, P. T.
- " Samuel F. Bradford, R. W. P. Grand Master.
- " William Schneider, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 21, 45, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 73, 84, 91, 114, 115, 126, 130, 139, 141, 160, 165, 172, 176 and 127 represented.

Twenty Three Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at 7 o'clock in the Evening.

A Petition was received and read from divers ancient York Master Masons praying for a Warrant to hold a Lodge in Fairview Township, in the County of Erie, to be called Fairview Lodge, N<sup>o</sup>. and that Brother Hubbard Tyler, might be the first W. Master; Joseph Wells, the first Senior Warden, and David Reed, the First Junior Warden thereof. Which Petition being in due form and recommended agreeably to the rules and regulations of the Grand Lodge, it was on

Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that the prayer of the Petition be granted that Brother Grand Secretary make out a Warrant accordingly and that the same be Numbered 184.

A Letter was received and read from Brother George Jackson of Beallsville, Washington County, on the subject of obtaining a Warrant for that place, which was referred to the Grand Secretary to give the necessary information.

A Letter was received and read from Brother William McCay, W. Master of Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 148, on the subject of the Complaint against said Lodge by Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 106, which was referred to the Committee on Landmarks.

An Extract from the Minutes of Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 43, held at Lancaster, was received and read, recommending the Grand Lodge to grant such assistance to support the Architectonic Professorship of Allegheny College, as the state of their funds will permit. Which was ordered to be filed.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 132, held in Chester County. A Communication was received and read from the said Lodge of the expulsion of A—— J—— an E. A. for habitual drunkenness.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 175, held at St<sup>t</sup> Jago de Cuba. Election Return. Account of Dues. Return of Members. A Letter was also received and read from said Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 175, inclosing sundry papers relative to a dispute between the Lodges of Ancient York Masons in the Island of Cuba and the Lodges held under the Authority of a body stiling itself "The Spanish American Territorial Grand Lodge in Havana," and requesting the directions of this Grand Lodge relative thereto.

Which was referred to the Committee of Correspondence to examine and report thereon.

Lodge No. 176, held at Mountpleasant. A Copy of the Bye Laws of said Lodge was presented and referred to the Committee on Bye Laws for examination. A Letter was also received and read from said Lodge expressing the satisfaction they received from a Visitation lately made to the Lodge by the R. W. Grand Master, from whom they had received many valuable instructions and Lectures on Masonry, and returning thanks to the Grand Lodge as the Author of his Mission. Which Letter was ordered to be filed.

The R. W. Grand Master made a Verbal report of his having since St. John's day in June made a Visitation to many of the Country Lodges, beginning with the Lodge held in the Borough of York and ending with the Lodge held at Erie.

The R. W. Grand Master laid before the Grand Lodge a Communication directed to him by a Committee of Lodge No. 43, held at Lancaster, being an address from said Lodge to the different subordinate Lodges in the State, containing a statement of their grievances and recommending, that a general Convention of Delegates from the different subordinate Lodges throughout the State, to take into consideration the interests of the fraternity and to devise some mode of remedying the evils generally complained, be holden at Harrisburg on the first Monday of January next, which was read.

When on Motion and Seconded,

Resolved, that said Communication be referred to a Committee of Nine to take the same into consideration and make report thereon at the next meeting of this Grand Lodge.

The R. W. Grand Master appointed the following Brethren on said Committee. Samuel F. Bradford, James Harper, Thomas Kittera, George A. Baker, Andrew Hooton, Henry Benner, William Boyd, Michael Nisbet and George M. Dallas.

A Letter dated London, July 6, 1822, from the Secretaries of the Grand Lodge of England was received and read, acknowledging the receipt of the Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania for the present year and transmitting

Copies of their Quarterly Circulars during the last two years. Which were referred to the Committee of Correspondence.

The Committee appointed to enquire into the expediency of changing the existing system of Government of Royal Arch Masonry made report which was read and the consideration thereof postponed.

A report of a similar nature to the Grand Chapter was presented by a Committee thereof and read together with a recommendation from that body to the Grand Lodge to adopt the same. Which was laid on the table.

The Committee to whom was referred the recommendation of the Widow and Children of Robert M<sup>c</sup>Elwee for assistance, by Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 43, made report which was read and is as follows:

The Committee appointed at the last Grand Quarterly Communication Septem<sup>r</sup>. 2<sup>nd</sup>. 1822, to take into consideration the application made by Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 43 in conjunction with Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 21, relative to the Case of the Widow and Children of Brother Robert M<sup>c</sup>Elwee, late of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 21, deceased, and praying the Grand Lodge to grant relief to the Widow and Children of the said deceased Brother,

Report:

That they have taken the said Communication into their serious consideration and from information and personal knowledge they are satisfied that the representations made by the two respectable Lodges are substantially correct. Under such circumstances it is with feelings of great mortification that your Committee do not feel themselves authorized to make a favorable report on this application for Charity.

It is well known that the income of the Grand Lodge is specifically pledged for the payment of the debt due for the erection of the splendid and expensive building which we now occupy, and it is but too well known that the revenue of the G. L. derived from all its sources is barely sufficient to meet the debt with which it is incumbered and for the liquidation of which the Masonic faith is pledged.

It is true a small Charity fund has been established by the benevolence of some worthy Brethren, Members of this Grand

Lodge. As however this incipient charity fund has been altogether a voluntary subscription from individual Masons, and not originating from any dues or fees paid to the G. L. from subordinate Lodges, your Committee are of opinion that it would be improper and indelicate in this G. L. to appropriate any part of this small fund to objects of Charity, unless at the particular request of those who have been instrumental in originating and establishing this well intended Charity.

Under these considerations your Committee submit the following Resolution.

Resolved, that Grand Lodge regrets that it is out of its power at this time to grant relief as recommended by Lodges N<sup>o</sup>. 43 and 21.

W<sup>m</sup>. BOYD,  
H. BENNER,  
D. H. MASON.

Philadelphia,

September 14, 1822.

Which report was adopted.

The Committee to whom was referred the Appeal of J—— D—— from a Vote of expulsion passed against him by Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 139, made report which was read and is as follows:

To the right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

The Committee to whom was referred the appeal of brother J—— D—— from a Vote of expulsion by Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 139,

Respectfully Report:

That in pursuance of their appointment they have had several Meetings with the Petitioner and the Brethren representing the Lodge by which he was expelled. The following your Committee believe to be a correct and impartial statement of the occurrences which led to the vote of expulsion.

The Lodge in August last rec<sup>d</sup>. an  $\frac{2}{3}$  of G. Lodge dues, which was ordered to be paid and some time afterwards Bro. D—— was verbally informed of the resolution. There was not at that time quite enough in the Treasury to pay the Grand Lodge. The Treasurer told Bro. D. H. Mason the



Master that he would pay over the Money, which not being done, the Master called a Meeting of the standing Committee of the Lodge to settle the a/c of the Treasurer. The latter did not attend and the Master and Secretary calling on him shortly after, found there was a balance in his hands of 82 dollars and some Cts. The amount due the Grand Lodge was 87 dollars and some Cts. The Master then requested Brother D. to pay over the Money which he said he would "as soon as he could raise the wind." Brother D—— was accordingly about to pay the Grand Treasurer when he was informed by a brother that it would be irregular to do so without an order signed by the Master and attested by the Secretary. He then declined paying the Money without such an order. Things standing thus the Lodge at a stated Meeting 29<sup>th</sup> October, resolved that the standing Committee draw on the Treasurer for the Money in his hands to pay Grand Lodge dues. An attested Copy of this resolution with an order, (signed by the Master and attested by the Secretary) requiring brother D. to deliver all the Money in his hands belonging to the Lodge to the standing Committee of the same, was shown to Brother D. on the 7<sup>th</sup> of November. He refused to comply with any such orders as he said they were irregular. He was told by Brother D. H. Mason, the Master, that by such refusal he violated his obligation and that if he persisted the Lodge must be informed of his conduct. He became irritated and replied that the Lodge might go to hell, he would do no such thing as to pay any such orders; they were irregular.

The Master then convened a Lodge of emergency at which on the 10<sup>th</sup> November, the Master and Secretary on behalf of the standing Committee reported the demand on Brother D. and his refusal to deliver up the Monies in his hands. Brother D. was not present but addressed a Letter to the Lodge in vindication of his conduct. The Lodge then appointed a special Committee to enquire into the neglect and refusal of the Treasurer to comply with its order, to receive from him by an order properly attested the Money in his hands and pay it to the G<sup>d</sup>. Treasurer. That Committee cited Bro. D. before them. He attended and justified his con-

duct saying to one of the Committee that he had the opinion of one who knew better than himself, that he had seen the G<sup>d</sup>. Master who approved of his conduct. This statement was utterly unfounded. Bro. D. now admits that altho' he saw the Grand Master on other business he never mentioned this to him. Brother D—— persevered in refusing to comply with the order to pay the Committee, saying that he had before refused to comply with the resolutions of the Lodge and the orders of the Master which he considered not in due form, And that now he was determined not to pay to any Committee nor to observe any such resolutions which he considered irregular, but that he would pay the Grand Treasurer on an order in due form.

A Lodge of emergency was again called at which, on the 16<sup>th</sup> of November, the Committee last mentioned reported. The Master was then directed to draw an order in favour of the Grand Treasurer, which was done on the 17<sup>th</sup> and on the 24<sup>th</sup> at the Stated Meeting, Brother D——reported that he had paid it.

At the same Meeting the 24<sup>th</sup> November, brother D. H. Mason the W. M., exhibited charges against Brother D—— for the contempt of the authority and refusal to comply with the requisition of the Lodge, as also for unmasonic and abusive language and contempt to the Committee while engaged in the business and representing the Lodge, and for attempting to support his refusal by prevarication and falsehood. The charges were referred to a Committee who made report at the Stated Meeting of the Lodge in December. They acquitted Brother D—— of so much of the charges as was founded on his failure to comply with the resolution of the 25<sup>th</sup> August and the Verbal request of the Master and reported that the other charges were substantiated. This report being under consideration Bro. D. cursed the Master, the Lodge and the Members. A Motion was made for his expulsion, when he defied the Lodge using language grossly indecent and abusive, which it will be unnecessary to offend the G. Lodge by repeating. He then left the Lodge by which he was subsequently expelled by an unanimous vote.

Your Committee refer the Grand Lodge to Article 6 and 7 of the Bye Laws of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 139 and to the different documents they have mentioned, which they request may be considered as part of their report.

Brother D. vindicates his refusal to pay the Monies in his hands by alledging that the proceedings of the Lodge were irregular. But altho' this may excuse his first delay, your Committee are of opinion that when the order of the Master attested by the Secretary to pay the Money in the Treasurer's hands to the standing Committee was presented, the only objection Bro. D. originally had was obviated and he should have complied with that order. His only excuse for not doing so might be that the balance of his a/c was not formally ascertained. As that however could readily be done further delay was inexcusable. The subsequent prevarication of Bro. D. respecting the Grand Master and the violence of his behaviour impelled the Lodge to the course they finally adopted. Bro. D. admits now that his language was improper and says he is sorry for it. Your Committee considering it their duty to examine the justice of the expulsion at the time it took place, do not deem it proper to notice these acknowledgements further now than to observe that they are proper for the consideration of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 139, on an Application to reinstate Brother D——.

Being of opinion that the reasons for Bro. D's expulsion were sufficient when the Vote was taken, your Committee respectfully offer the following resolution.

Resolved, that the expulsion of Brother J—— D—— by Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 139 be confirmed.

RICHARD POVALL, R. MANSFIELD, J. W. MURRAY,	}	Committee.
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Philadelphia,  
July 8<sup>th</sup>, 1822.

Which report was adopted.

Grand Lodge adjourned in harmony at 10 o'clock, P. M., to meet again on Friday next at 7 o'clock in the Evening.

GEORGE A. BAKER,  
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, A. D. 1822, A. L. 5822.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

BRO. JOSIAH RANDALL, R. W. Grand Master.

“ James Harper, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, P. T.

“ Thomas Kittera, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, P. T.

“ Josiah Evans, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P. T.

“ George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

“ Charles Stout, R. W. Grand Treasurer, P. T.

“ Nathan R. Potts, Deputy Grand Secretary.

“ Randal Hutchinson, Senior Grand Deacon.

“ Michael Nisbet, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.

Rev. Bro. Ab. Kneeland, Grand Chaplain, P. T.

Bro. Joseph R. Hopkins, Grand Sword Bearer, P. T.

“ John W. Harris, Grand Marshal, P. T.

“ Rob. R. Bell, Grand Pursuivant.

“ Samuel F. Bradford, R. W. Past Grand Master.

“ Joseph Burden, R. W. P. Senior Grand Warden.

“ William Schneider, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 9, 21, 45, 51, 52, 67, 71, 73, 82, 84, 91, 114, 121, 125, 126, 127, 128, 130, 131, 134, 139, 141, 165, 172, 176 and 158 represented.

Twenty Six Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at 7 o'clock in the Evening.

Brother Murray read and laid on the table the following resolution :

Resolved, that the Grand Secretary under the direction of the R. W. Grand Master shall immediately upon the receipt of any communication to this Grand Lodge, which it is the appropriate duty of the Committee of Correspondence to consider, transmit the same or a Copy thereof to said Committee and that it shall be the duty of the said Committee or some Member thereof at the next meeting of the Grand Lodge after a Communication shall have been so referred to them to attend with the same and to report thereon for the consideration of the Grand Lodge.

An Account from the Committee of Charity commencing on

the 3<sup>rd</sup> June last and ending the 2<sup>nd</sup> September instant was presented and read and ordered to be filed.

The Return to Dispensation to Constitute Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 181, held at S<sup>t</sup>. Jago de Cuba was presented and read whereby it appeared that said Lodge was duly Constituted on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of June last.

A Communication was received and read from the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, declaring it inexpedient to form a General Grand Lodge of the United States; and further that it is unnecessary to adopt any measures for an occasional convocation of delegates from the different Grand Lodges of the respective States as proposed by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. Which was ordered to be deposited among the Archives of the Grand Lodge.

A Communication was received and read from the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, containing an Account of their proceedings in the Month of October, 1821. Which was ordered to be deposited among the Archives of the Grand Lodge.

The Proceedings of a Grand Lodge lately established in the State of Missouri were received and referred to the Committee of Correspondence to examine and report thereon.

The Committee to whom was referred the Circular Letter of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 43, held in the City of Lancaster, made report which was read and is as follows:

To the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Committee to whom was referred the Circular Letter directed to the Right Worshipful Grand Master, by a Committee of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 43, held at Lancaster, being an address from said Lodge to the different subordinate Lodges in the State, containing a statement of their grievances, and recommending that a General Convention of Delegates from the different subordinate Lodges throughout the State, to take into consideration the interests of the fraternity and to devise some mode of remedying the evils complained of, be holden at Harrisburg on the first Monday of January next,

Respectfully Report:

That having assembled to perform the duty assigned them, a Communication from the Right Worshipful Grand Master

to Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 43, in reply to the Circular Letter of that Lodge, was submitted to their consideration, unanimously approved, and the Right Worshipful Grand Master requested to forward the same without delay when approved by the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge.

That your Committee place much reliance upon the efficacy of the kind spirit, candid statements, accurate details, and earnest exhortation of the above mentioned communication to restore Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 43 to a just and lasting sense of its Masonic duty; and although anxious and determined to maintain the paramount and inherent sovereignty and dignity of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, they wish scrupulously to avoid any hasty or vindictive severity. They therefore beg leave to offer and recommend for adoption, the following resolution:

Resolved, that this Grand Lodge view with extreme regret and decided disapprobation, the conduct of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 43, as made known to them by the Circular addressed to the Right Worshipful Grand Master, and that they only refrain until the first Monday of November next from an exercise of their Constitutional power to vacate the Warrant of said Lodge, in the expectation that a Communication from the R. W. Grand Master, conveying distinct information and fraternal remonstrance will induce Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 43 immediately to retrace its steps and return to its Masonic obedience and faith.

SAMUEL F. BRADFORD, Chairman.

JAMES HARPER,

THOMAS KITTERA,

GEORGE A. BAKER,

ANDREW HOOTON,

MICHAEL NISBET,

H. BENNER,

W<sup>m</sup>. BOYD,

GEORGE M. DALLAS, Sec<sup>y</sup>.

} Committee.

Which report was unanimously adopted.

The R. W. Grand Master read the Letter he had addressed to Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 43.

When on Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved unanimously, that this Grand Lodge do highly approve of the calm, dignified and affectionate Letter to Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 43, just read by the R. W. Grand Master, and that the thanks of this R. W. Grand Lodge be presented to him for the paternal zeal with which he has devoted himself to the investigation of the important subjects involved in it.

Resolved unanimously, that the R. W. Grand Master be requested to furnish to the Grand Secretary a Copy of his Letter and that the same, together with the report of the Committee be printed and sent to all the Lodges within this Commonwealth.

The Committee of Finance made Report on the Accounts of the Building Committee which was read and laid on the Table. A Letter from Bro. Joseph S. Lewis, to the Committee of Finance was also read and laid on the Table.

A Communication was received from the Building Committee and read and is as follows :

The Building Committee beg leave to state to Grand Lodge that a Number of Brethren desirous that the Figures of Hope and Charity should be carved by M<sup>r</sup>. Rush to ornament the Grand Lodge room subscribed a sum for the purpose and the Figures were accordingly prepared the Cost of which was \$ and that a part of the Money has been collected and paid to M<sup>r</sup>. Rush leaving a balance due him of \$44.00.

Though not particularly within the province of the Committee, yet feeling as Members of the Fraternity that a Masonic pledge has been given to M<sup>r</sup>. Rush, they conceive the Grand Lodge should take measures to have the balance paid and therefore offer the following Resolution, viz :

Resolved, that a Committee of Members be appointed to collect the sums subscribed which are yet unpaid.

The Committee have procured and now hand one of the Lists of subscriptions above referred to.

JOSEPH S. LEWIS,  
JOSEPH BURDEN,  
JAMES HARPER.

Septem<sup>r</sup>. 2, 1822.

On Motion said Communication was referred to Brothers Thomas Kittera, Samuel Wonderly and Charles Peirce to enquire and make report.

A report was received from the Building Committee and read and is as follows :

The Building Committee in obedience to a resolution of the Grand Lodge of 1<sup>st</sup> July last requesting them to surrender to the Grand Secretary all the Books and Vouchers which go to support that part of their account which embrace their disbursements through the hands of the Superintendent, beg leave to report,

That the Books and Vouchers called for have been considered by the Superintendant Bro. Webb as under his own controul, but that at a Meeting with him on 30 Ult<sup>o</sup> they Communicated to them the resolution of Grand Lodge and requested him to deliver them up, which they understood he was willing to do, but they have since received from him the annexed Communication in which he declines doing so, except upon certain conditions which they are not authorized to accede to and having no means of compelling his acquiescence they submit the subject to the Grand Lodge.

JOSEPH S. LEWIS,  
JOSEPH BURDEN,  
JAMES HARPER.

Septem<sup>r</sup>. 2, 1822.

The Letter annexed thereto from Bro. Webb was also read and is as follows :

Philadelphia, 8 Mo. 31<sup>st</sup>, 1822.

Esteemed Friends,

In conformity with your request of last Evening I am willing (as I ever have been) to surrender my Vouchers when I shall have received,

- 1<sup>st</sup>. An entire and unqualified discharge and acquittance from the Building Committee of all claims, &c., with the sanction of the Grand Lodge endorsed thereon.
- 2<sup>nd</sup>. A receipt from the Building Committee for the books and Vouchers describing them.



3<sup>rd</sup>. A pledge or undertaking on the part of the Grand Lodge that these Books and Vouchers shall be delivered to me at any time and as often as I want them for any temporary use I might find it necessary to make of them; or if not so delivered that the Grand Lodge will save me harmless from their loss, destruction or absence.

Respectfully, I remain as ever

Your friend and Brother,

SAMUEL WEBB.

To the Building Committee.

On Motion, the Consideration of the said report and Letter was postponed until the next meeting of the Grand Lodge.

Grand Lodge adjourned in harmony at 10 o'clock, p. m., to meet again on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup> next at 6 o'clock in the Evening.

GEORGE A. BAKER.

Grand Secretary.

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PHILADELPHIA, Monday, October 21, A. D. 1822, A. L. 5822.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

Bro. JOSIAH RANDALL, R. W. Grand Master.

“ James Harper, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, P. T.

“ Thomas Kittera, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, P. T.

“ Emmor T. Weaver, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P. T.

“ George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

“ Christian C. Febiger, R. W. Grand Treasurer, P. T.

“ Joseph R. Hopkins, Deputy Grand Secretary, P. T.

“ Randall Hutchinson, Senior Grand Deacon.

“ Michael Nisbet, Junior Grand Deacon.

Rev. Bro. William Rogers, Grand Chaplain.

Bro. Joseph W. Rowland, Grand Sword Bearer.

“ Elhanan W. Keyser, Grand Marshal.

“ Robert R. Bell, Grand Pursuivant.

“ William Schneider, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 3, 9, 21, 43, 45, 51, 52, 67, 73, 84, 91, 102, 114, 115, 125, 126, 127, 130, 131, 134, 139, 141, 155, 160, 165, 172 and 176 represented.

Twenty Seven Lodges being represented Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at 7 o'clock in the Evening.

The Committee on Bye Laws made report on the Amendments to the Bye Laws of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 145, which was read and is as follows, to wit :

To the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

The Committee on Bye Laws to whom was referred the resolution of " Church Hall Lodge, N<sup>o</sup>. 145," held at Wilkinsburg, altering and amending the Bye Laws of said Lodge,

Respectfully report,

That they have examined and considered the same and do recommend their adoption with the following alteration, viz :

Strike out in the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> lines the words "*or the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.*"

The Grand Lodge has no claim upon the Individual Members of Subordinate Lodges for dues. She looks to the Lodge for the liquidation of dues. The Lodges should therefore be particular to collect from the Members their respective dues and account to the Grand Lodge therefor.

Respectfully submitted by

GEORGE A. BAKER,  
STEPHEN W. SMITH, } Committee.

Philadelphia,

October 17, 1822.

Which report was adopted.

The Committee on Bye Laws made report on the Bye Laws of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 176, which was read, amended and adopted as amended and is as follows, to wit :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsya<sup>a</sup> :

The Committee on Bye Laws to whom was referred for examination the Bye Laws of " Morning Star Lodge, N<sup>o</sup>. 176," held in the Town of Mount Pleasant, Westmoreland County,

Respectfully Report,

That they have carefully examined the same and recommend their adoption with the following amendments, to wit :

In Article 5<sup>th</sup> line the 8<sup>th</sup> after the word "*attend*" insert "*but if the Tyler should not attend.*"

Section 7<sup>th</sup> to be altered so as to read as follows, "That no Brother shall be admitted as a Visitor, unless by Motion regularly made, seconded and carried for such admission; Provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent such motion being founded on the Voucher of a single Brother either a Member or a Visitor, The Master for the time being, having at all times power to admit such Brethren as he can vouch for. But if the Brother desiring to visit cannot be vouched for, the Master shall appoint two Members of the Lodge who are Master Masons to examine him and upon their reporting that he is a lawful A. Y. Mason he may be admitted.

Section 8<sup>th</sup>. Strike out all between the word "*Lodge*" in the 2<sup>nd</sup> line and the word "*he*" in the 5<sup>th</sup> line" and insert "*shall Petition for that purpose in writing which Petition must be recommended by two Members who are Master Masons, upon which a Committee of three Master Masons, who are Members of the Lodge shall be appointed, neither of whom shall be of the recommending Brethren, to inquire into the Character of the Petitioner, who shall make report at the next stated Meeting upon which.*"

Section 9<sup>th</sup> line 5<sup>th</sup> strike out the word "*two*" and insert "*three.*"

Section 15<sup>th</sup>. Add the following proviso to this section, "Provided however that no brother shall be suspended in Virtue hereof, until he be first notified to appear and shew cause why the penalty of this Article should not be enforced against him."

Section 17<sup>th</sup>. Strike out this section. The Ahiman Rezon Chapter 1, Section 1, describes the qualities necessary to entitle a person to initiation into our order.

Respectfully submitted by

GEORGE A. BAKER, } Committee.  
STEPHEN W. SMITH, }

Philadelphia,  
October 17, 1822.

The Committee on Bye Laws made report on the Bye Laws of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 178, which was read and is as follows, to wit :

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

The Committee on Bye Laws to whom was referred for examination the Bye Laws of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 178, held at Huntingdon.

Respectfully Report,

That they have carefully examined the same and recommend their adoption with the following amendments, to wit :

Section 7<sup>th</sup> to be altered so as to read as follows, "That no "Brother shall be admitted as a Visitor, unless by motion "regularly made, seconded and carried for such admission, "Provided that nothing herein contained, shall prevent such "motion being founded on the Voucher of a single Brother "either a Member or a Visitor. The Master for the time being having at all times power to admit such Brethren as he "can Vouch for. When the Brother desiring to visit is not "vouched for, the Master shall direct a Committee to examine "him and on report being made of his being an Ancient "York Mason he may be admitted."

Section 10<sup>th</sup> line 9<sup>th</sup> strike out the word "*elected*" and insert "*approved*."

Respectfully submitted by

GEORGE A. BAKER, }  
STEPHEN W. SMITH, } Committee.

Philadelphia,

October 17, 1822.

Which report was adopted.

Grand Lodge proceeded to the consideration of the report of the Committee on the Appeal of T—— M. H—— from a Vote of expulsion passed against him by Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 115, which was read and is as follows :

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Penn<sup>a</sup>. :

The Committee to whom was referred the Appeal of T—— M. H—— from a Vote of expulsion passed against him by Saint John's Lodge, N<sup>o</sup>. 115,

## Respectfully Report,

That in pursuance of the duties of their appointment, they assembled at the Masonic Hall on the 14<sup>th</sup> of June instant when the Appellant and the Representatives of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 115 appeared and the Committee prepared to examine their respective proofs and allegations. From the records of the Lodge it appears that the Appellant was its Secretary during the year 1821, and in that capacity received and disbursed a portion of its funds. That a Committee were appointed to examine and report on the Accounts of the late Secretary and Treasurer, who reported a balance in the hands of the Appellant amounting to \$94.50. That at the Meeting in February, 1822, a Committee was appointed by the Lodge with directions to receive and pay over into the hands of the Treasurer the amount, which Committee was vested with authority to make Brother Hall such allowance as to them might seem equitable and just. At the stated meeting of the Lodge in May the Committee reported that they had examined the Accounts in the presence of Brother H——, that they were satisfied with the correctness of the same, that they had requested payment of Brother H—— without success, that they were induced to defer reporting at the Meeting in April at the instance of Brother H—— who promised payment early in March, and that he not only neglected but evinced no disposition to comply with this engagement. On the same Evening, Brother Samuel Black, Past Master of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 115, preferred a written charge for unmasonic conduct against Brother H——, and prayed a Committee might be appointed to investigate his conduct, upon which the Worshipful Master with the Approbation of the Lodge appointed a Committee of five Members to enquire and make report on the same. Brother H—— not being present at this Meeting, the Committee furnished him with a Copy of the charges, and a Notification of the place and time of their Meeting. The Committee having met in pursuance of their notice adjourned to meet on the 27<sup>th</sup> of April, of which adjournment and place and time of Meeting Brother H—— was furnished with due and timely notice. At neither Meeting did Brother H——

attend and at the last, four of the five of the Committee decided that he was guilty of the charges preferred against him and recommended his expulsion. On the 29<sup>th</sup> of April, ten days before the Meeting of the Lodge, the Chairman of this Committee furnished Brother H—— with a Copy of their intended Report, at the same time informing him that it would be laid before the Lodge at its next stated night of Meeting. On the seventh of May at the said Stated Meeting the report of the Committee was presented, Brother H—— being present and after considerable discussion adopted and Brother H—— expelled.

The grounds on which Brother H—— claims a reversal of this decision are various and as some of them are supposed to involve ancient and important usages of the Order, your Committee have thought it judicious to spread them all on the face of their report in order that the Appellant might have the benefit of the opinion of the Grand Lodge upon them if he should be dissatisfied with theirs. They are

First. That the appointment of the Committee of enquiry on the Petition of Brother Black was irregular, inasmuch as the Master of the Lodge voted twice on the question of their appointment, viz: Once as a Member and a second time by giving the casting vote in his official capacity the Votes being equal.

Second. That Brother H—— had not a Months Notice of the report of the Committee, nor was he cited to appear before the Lodge and shew cause why he should not be expelled.

Thirdly. That the expulsion took place after Working hours, it being half past eleven o'clock before the final Vote was taken.

Fourthly. That the whole merits of the case did not justify the course taken by the Lodge, or authorize expulsion.

The correctness of the First exception depended on a variety of discordant and conflicting Testimony, but from the weight of which, the Committee are of Opinion that when a division of the question on the Appointment of the Committee was called for the Worshipful Master and three other Brethren of the Lodge rose in the Affirmative and four Brethren having

risen in the negative the vote became equal, when the Master gave the casting vote in the affirmative and the resolution of Brother Black was carried. Your Committee after the best reflection they could bestow upon the subject are of opinion that the Master possessed the right asserted in this case according to the parliamentary rules laid down in the best authorities and pursued by the most dignified bodies, nor have they been able to discover any Masonic usage that abridges the otherwise plenary powers of a Master in this particular, and reduces his weight in the deliberations of his Lodge to the mere right of a casting vote on an equally divided question.

The second exception is also in the opinion of your Committee unsupported by precedent and principle.

There is nothing in the Bye Laws of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 115 or in those of the Grand Lodge, which designates the precise period of notice to be given to an offending Brother, leaving it, it is apprehended only a question of reasonableness under the circumstances of each case which may arise, and even if such a rule did exist your Committee are of opinion that this case would form a clear exception to it. Brother H—— had notice of the appointment of the Committee, of their time and place of meeting and finally of their intended report long before the meeting of the Lodge. He was present when it was discussed, took part in the debate in opposition to its adoption in which he was zealously supported by his friends, by whose tenacity the meeting was unusually procrastinated. It would be a satire on Common sense that an Individual should be permitted to appear and enter into the merits of his cause before any Tribunal, Masonic or Civil, and after an adversary decision was pronounced against him, be permitted to urge the insufficiency of the Citation on which he appeared and answered. Such demonstration never can be tolerated and in every code, appearance and defence is a waiver of anterior errors if any exist.

The third exception in the opinion of the Committee is equally without foundation and comes with an ill grace from the Appellant, whose friends occupied the floor with the exception of a few Minutes from ten o'clock until the Vote took

place. The rules regulating the time of meeting are adopted to suit the convenience of the Lodge and differ in the different Lodges under the Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge. A reasonable interpretation must be given to this as every other rule and that, in the opinion of your Committee is, that new work ought not to be commenced after the working hours, but that work progressed in before may be completed, although it should occupy the Lodge beyond its ordinary hours. The adoption of the precise construction contended for, would in the opinion of your Committee, throw an unnecessary obstruction on the labours of the subordinate Lodges and unsettle proceedings heretofore considered regular.

On the exception to the merits your Committee are also of opinion that the appellant has failed in making out his objections.

Although some indefinite statements were made as to supposed mistakes in Brother H——'s accounts, yet it was agreed on all hands that at the time of his expulsion he had and still has considerable funds belonging to the Lodge which he has omitted paying over to the Treasurer or other persons prescribed by the Lodge.

The offense being ascertained, the only enquiry is whether it is of that Character to justify the severe punishment inflicted by the Lodge on the offender.

Your Committee conceive there can be but one opinion on this subject and that all will agree that he who so abuses the trust reposed in him and misappropriates a fund devoted to the fulfilment of the first obligations of humanity ought to receive the highest Masonic punishment.

Your Committee therefore recommend the following resolutions.

Resolved, That the Appeal of Brother T—— M. H—— from a Vote of expulsion passed against him by St<sup>t</sup> John's Lodge, N<sup>o</sup> 115, be and is hereby dismissed and the proceedings of the said Lodge affirmed.

EDWARD KING.  
CHAR<sup>s</sup>. STOUT.

Which report was adopted.



Grand Lodge proceeded to the consideration of the report of the Committee of Finance on the Accounts of the Building, Gas and Furnishing Committees, which was read and is as follows, to wit:

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

The Committee on Finance to whom were recommitted the annexed accounts with the additional Vouchers produc'd on the 3<sup>rd</sup> July last, Beg leave to report,

That after a careful examination of these accounts and having compared them with the Vouchers they find the same to be correct with this exception only, that the sum of One Hundred Dollars received from Mr. William Britton for Brother Newcomb's donation towards the rebuilding of the Hall has not been accounted for to the Grand Lodge, with a reference therefore to the accompanying Letter of Brother Joseph S. Lewis to the Committee of Finance they respectfully offer the following resolution:

Resolv'd, that Brother Joseph S. Lewis be requested to account to the Grand Lodge for the One Hundred Dollars received from Mr. W<sup>m</sup>. Britton.

Philadelphia, 11<sup>th</sup> Sep<sup>r</sup>. 1822.

BERNARD DAHLGREN,  
WILLIAM PAGE,  
ROB. TOLAND,  
W<sup>m</sup>. MAYWEG.

The Letter of Brother Lewis accompanying the above report was read and is as follows, to wit:

Philad., September, 2, 1822.

Sir,

Your Note of 9 July has been laid before the Building Committee in answer to which I am desired to say,

1. That the Amount of the Credit given by the Committee for the donations received, is they believe to be correct; for the particulars they refer to the Grand Secretary into whose hands the lists were delivered by order of the Grand Lodge.

2. As to the Error in the payment to Mr. Britton.

I beg leave to reply individually, Bro. B. Newcomb who contributed One Hundred Dollars paid it by an order on Mr. Britton payable in Lumber, in consequence of which the order was delivered the Superintendent with direction to him to take payment in that article. Sometime after the Building Committee settled Mr. Britton's account and drew an order on the Treasurer for the whole amount and also a Check for the same sum on Girard's Bank. On the day I paid the order I put a receipt on B. Newcomb's order in the following form and words, viz :

The Amount of the above has been rec <sup>d</sup> . by me.	
for Samuel Webb	Feb. 24, 1820.
in settlement of Account.	JOSEPH S. LEWIS.

In this lapse of time it is utterly impossible for me to recollect the circumstances of the transaction, but of this I am certain, (from an examination of my Cash Account and from my usual manner of keeping my Accounts), that if I received the amount I paid it over to Bro. Webb who feels he says equally certain that he never received the Amount.

It is a possible Circumstance that in giving Mr. Britton a receipt for the 100 Ds. and delivered him the Check for 157,34/100 Ds. that I did not deduct the 100 D<sup>s</sup>. under an Idea that the order and Check were drawn for the balance due Mr. Britton after deducting the 100 D<sup>s</sup>. of Mr. Newcomb and this opinion is I think confirmed by the Nature of my receipt, because if I had received the Money from him by changing the check on the Bank, I should have said simply "rec<sup>d</sup>. payment for S. Webb" and not "in settlement of Account." I have called on Mr. Britton who states he received only 57.34/100 D<sup>s</sup>. and shewed me his Ledger posted in that way.

Let the thing be as it may one thing is sure, that the Grand Lodge has not received the amount and it will be for the R. W. Grand Lodge to determine whether the circumstance of the business through my hands in the execution of the office

of Grand Treasurer make me liable or not to account for it. I shall bow to their decision be it as it will.

I am resp.,

Your Bro<sup>r</sup>.

JOSEPH S. LEWIS.

Bro.

B. Dahlgren, Esq<sup>r</sup>.

Chairman Committee of Finance.

On Motion of Brother Kittera and Seconded, the report of the Committee was amended by striking out the resolution therein and inserting the following substitute.

Resolved, that under the peculiar circumstances of the case, the Grand Treasurer be not held accountable for the sum of One Hundred Dollars referred to in the report of the Committee of Finance and the Letter of the Grand Treasurer accompanying said report.

The said report as amended was then adopted.

The Committee to whom was referred the Complaint of Brother C. R. Bowen against Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 52, made report which was read and is as follows :

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of brother C. R. Bowen, Senior W. of Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 139,  
Respectfully Report,

That a Resolution of the Grand Lodge of the 1<sup>st</sup> of March, 1819, direct that the mode of admitting visiting Brethren in the subordinate Lodges shall be by Motion made and seconded. It appears that the Name of the Petitioning brother was announced in Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 52, but no Motion made for the brother's admission.

The Committee in the course of this enquiry have heard nothing in the smallest degree to affect the Character or Standing of the Brother. Nor have they any reason to suppose that in the conduct of the Master or Members of Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 52 there was any intention as is stated in the petition to offer an insult to this Grand Lodge.

They therefore offer for adoption the following Resolution :

Resolved, that Brother C. R. Bowen be allowed to withdraw his Petition.

TH. KITTERA, }  
ROB. TOLAND, } Committee.  
B. DAHLGREN, }

Oct. 21, 1822.

Which report was adopted.

A Letter was received and read from Lodge No. 138, held at Orwigsburg, enclosing Sixty Dollars on Account of dues, and stating that the remainder would be paid at the next Grand Communication and of their intention to apply for the remission of the dues of sundry Members who had withdrawn from the Lodge without paying up their dues. It further stated that new life and new zeal had Sprung up in the Lodge and they were beginning to flourish again and hoped to be in a short time on a footing with the most punctual and zealous in the State. Which was ordered to be filed.

Grand Lodge adjourned in harmony at 10 o'clock, P. M., to meet again on Monday the 4<sup>th</sup> November next, at 6 o'clock in the evening.

GEORGE A. BAKER,  
Grand Secretary.

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PHILADELPHIA, Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, A. D. 1822, A. L. 5822.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

BRO. JOSIAH RANDALL, R. W. Grand Master.

" James Harper, jun., R. W. Deputy Grand Master, P. T.

" Thomas Kittera, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, P. T.

" John Uhle, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P. T.

" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

" Anthony Fannen, R. W. Grand Treasurer, P. T.

" Nathan R. Potts, Deputy Grand Secretary, P. T.

" John Caner, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.

Bro. Michael Nisbet, Junior Grand Deacon.

Rev. Bro. William Rogers, Grand Chaplain.

Bro. James M<sup>c</sup>Alpin, Grand Sword Bearer.

“ Elhanan W. Keyser, Grand Marshal.

“ Robert R. Bell, Grand Pursuivant.

“ Samuel F. Bradford, R. W. P. Grand Master.

“ Bayse Newcomb, R. W. P. Grand Master.

“ Charles Schneider, Grand Tyler, P. T.

Lodges Nos. 3, 19, 21, 45, 51, 52, 59, 67, 69, 73, 91, 102, 114, 115, 125, 126,  
127, 128, 130, 131, 123, 134, 135, 141, 152, 155, 158, 165, 172, 174,  
176 and 182 represented.

Thirty Two Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at 6 o'clock in the Evening.

A Letter was received and read from Andrew M. Prevost including two bills against the Grand Lodge.

One of Benjamin B. Howell, agent for the Etna Furnace, For 8 large stoves in plates (exclusive of finishing)

w g ea. 18.1.3. or 7.6.0.24 a 75 ds.,	\$548.30
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3 Gas retorts and dishes 9.0.24 a 4½ ds.,	41.46
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\$589.76

payable to the said Andrew M. Prevost. The other of B. B. Howell payable to John C. Stocker.

For sundry weights and 1 set backs and Jambs, \$111.

On Motion, so much of the said Accounts as relates to the retorts was referred to the Gas Committee and the remaining part referred to Brothers Thomas Harper, George M. Dallas and Edward King.

On Motion of Brother Dahlgren and seconded,

Resolved, that the Grand Treasurer be and is hereby authorized and directed to pay Joseph S. Lewis and Job Bacon, Fifteen Dollars and 91 Cents for expenses incurred at Liverpool on a Shipment of Tar Oil.

Resolved, that the Grand Treasurer be and is hereby authorized and directed to cause 2500 Dollars to be insured against fire, at a rate not exceeding 5 per Cent permanent deposite on the Gas Works of the Grand Lodge and in case this Insurance be effected, the Policy to be assigned to the

Trustees of the Gas Loan In trust to pay whatever amount of Loan may remain unpaid in case of loss by Fire.

The R. W. Grand Master laid before the Grand Lodge a circular he received from Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 143, held at Chambersburg, soliciting donations to aid in the erection of a Masonic Hall in that place on an economical plan, which was read and referred to Brothers Samuel F. Bradford, Bayse Newcomb and William Boyd to enquire and make report.

The R. W. Grand Master laid before the Grand Lodge a communication he received from Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 62, held at Reading, containing a resolution passed by said Lodge on the 17<sup>th</sup> October last in the words following, to wit:

Resolved unanimously, that this Lodge by the most solemn obligations, owes fidelity and obedience within the Ancient Land Marks of Masonry to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and that it cannot concur in the resolutions of Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 43, proposing a Convention of deputies from the subordinate Lodges, to assemble at Harrisburg on the first Monday in January next, for the purpose mentioned in those resolutions.

Which was ordered to be filed.

The R. W. Grand Master having laid before the Grand Lodge a second printed circular from Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 43, dated at Lancaster, the 16<sup>th</sup> October, 1822, the Grand Lodge then proceeded to the consideration of the subject.

Whereupon, on Motion made and seconded, the following resolutions were adopted.

Resolved, that the Warrant of Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 43, be called in, and that the W. Master of that Lodge be and he is hereby directed and required forthwith to return the same to the Grand Secretary.

Resolved, that until Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 43, shall return to its masonic faith and allegiance, and shall be reinstated in its former rights and privileges, the different Lodges and Brethren under the Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge be and they are hereby prohibited from holding, with said Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 43, any Masonic fellowship or communion.

On Motion and Seconded,

Resolved, that the Grand Secretary have printed and com-

municate the proceedings of this Evening relative to Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 43, to each Lodge within the State.

Grand Lodge closed in harmony at 40 Minutes after 10 o'clock P. M. to meet again on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday in the present Month at 6 o'clock in the Evening.

GEORGE A. BAKER,  
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, A. D. 1822, A. L. 5822.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

Bro. JOSIAH RANDALL, R. W. Grand Master.

" John B. Gibson, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

" James Harper, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

" Bernard Dahlgren, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P. T.

" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

" Anthony Fannen, R. W. Grand Treasurer, P. T.

" Joseph W. Rowland, Deputy Grand Secretary, P. T.

" Henry Benner, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.

" Josiah Evans, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.

" Joseph R. Hopkins, Grand Sword Bearer, P. T.

" Emmor T. Weaver, Grand Marshal, P. T.

" Robert R. Bell, Grand Pursuivant.

" Samuel F. Bradford, R. W. P. G. Master.

" William Schneider, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 21, 45, 51, 67, 73, 91, 114, 121, 125, 126, 127, 130, 131, 134, 61, 141, 155, 164, 165, 172 and 176 represented.

Twenty Five Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at 6 o'clock in the Evening.

The Committee of Finance made report on the Account of George A. Baker, Grand Secretary for the third quarter in the present year, which was read and is as follows :

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

The Committee on Finance report that on examining the

within account of the Grand Secretary for the third quarter of 1822, and comparing it with the Vouchers accompanying it, they find the same to be correct, leaving a balance of One Dollar and eight Cents due to the Grand Lodge on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1822.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Philadelphia, 11<sup>th</sup> October, 1822.

B. DAHLGREN.  
WILLIAM PAGE.  
ROBERT TOLAND.  
W<sup>m</sup>. MAYWEG.

Which report was adopted.

The same Committee made report on the Account of the Grand Secretary for the payment of Interest on the Masonic Loans for the third quarter in the present year, which was read and is as follows :

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

The Committee on Finance report that on examining the within Account of George A. Baker, Grand Secretary, for the payment of Interest on the Masonic Loans for the quarter ending the 30<sup>th</sup> Septem<sup>r</sup>. 1822, and comparing it with the Vouchers, they find the same to be correct, leaving a balance of One Hundred and Seventy One Dollars remaining unpaid which was then lying in Girard's Bank as per Bank Book.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Philadelphia, 11<sup>th</sup> October, 1822.

B. DAHLGREN.  
WILLIAM PAGE.  
ROB. TOLAND.  
W<sup>m</sup>. MAYWEG.

Which report was adopted.

The same Committee made report on the Account of Joseph S. Lewis, Grand Treasurer, for the third quarter in the present year, which was read and is as follows :

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

The Committee on Finance report that on examining the within Account of the Grand Treasurer for the third quarter



of 1822 and comparing it with the Vouchers accompanying it they find the same to be correct leaving a balance of Fourteen dollars 75/100 due to the Grand Lodge on the 30<sup>th</sup> Septem<sup>r</sup>. 1822. Philadelphia, 11<sup>th</sup> October, 1822.

B. DAHLGREN.  
WILLIAM PAGE.  
ROB. TOLAND.  
W<sup>m</sup>. MAYWEG.

Which report was adopted.

The same Committee made report on the Account of the Hall Committee for the third quarter in the present year, which was read and is as follows :

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

The Committee on Finance report that on examining the within account of W. F. Seeger, Secretary and Treasurer to the Hall Committee for the third quarter of 1822 and comparing it with the vouchers accompanying it, they find the same to be correct leaving a balance of One hundred and fifty four Dollars, seventeen Cents due to the Grand Lodge on the 30<sup>th</sup> September, 1822.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Philadelphia, 11 Oct., 1822.

B. DAHLGREN.  
WILLIAM PAGE.  
ROB. TOLAND.  
W<sup>m</sup>. MAYWEG.

Which report was adopted.

The same Committee made report on the Account of the Gas Committee for the third quarter in the present year, which was read and is as follows :

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

The Committee of Finance report that on examining the within Account of the Gas Committee for the quarter ending 30<sup>th</sup> Sept., 1822, and comparing it with the Vouchers accompanying it they find the same to be correct, leaving a balance of Eighty nine dollars 99/100 due to the Grand Lodge.

Philadelphia, 11<sup>th</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup>. 1822.

B. DAHLGREN,  
WILLIAM PAGE,  
R. TOLAND,  
W<sup>m</sup>. MAYWEG.

Which report was adopted

The same Committee made report of the receipts and expenditures during the third quarter of the present year, which was read and is as follows, to wit :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

The Committee on Finance in obedience to the Resolution of the G. Lodge, respectfully report an abstract of the Receipts and Disbursements during the third quarter of 1822, viz :

*Receipts.*

By Lodge dues, . . . . .	1570.48
“ Dispensations, . . . . .	66.
“ Grand Lodge Certificates, . . . . .	12.
“ Old boards sold by Hall Committee, . . . . .	2.50
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Total Receipts, . . . . .	1650.98
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*Disbursements.*

To Interest on Masonic Loans, . . . . .	1200.
“ Gas Establishment, . . . . .	29.19
“ Tying and serving Notices, . . . . .	111.
“ Hall Committee, . . . . .	140.04
“ Grand Secretary’s Salary, . . . . .	162.50
“ Water rent 1822, . . . . .	10.
“ Blank Certificates, . . . . .	1.08
“ Oil, &c., . . . . .	4.14
“ Postages, . . . . .	7.11
“ Discount on Bank Notes, . . . . .	1.64
“ Mending screw, . . . . .	.18
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Total Disbursements, . . . . .	1666.88
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Balance in the Treasury on the 30 June, 1822, was \$275.90 and on the 30 Sept., 1822, \$260.

Respectfully submitted by

B. DAHLGREN,  
WILLIAM PAGE,  
R. TOLAND,  
W<sup>m</sup>. MAYWEG.

Which report was ordered to be filed.

The Committee of Finance to whom was referred the Application from Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 108, praying for the remission of sundry dues made report which was read and is as follows, to wit:

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of Pennsylvania:

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred the Petition of Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 108, dated 1 Aug., 1822, praying for a remission of dues, respectfully offer the following resolutions for adoption:

Resolved, that the whole Income of the Grand Lodge after deducting the necessary expenses, being by a public act solemnly pledged to the payment of the Interest and the gradual redemption of the Masonic Loans, it is not in the power of this Grand Lodge to remit dues until the said Loans shall have been paid off, which it is now ascertained will be effected in a few years if Masonry should continue to flourish as at present, and the Lodges exert themselves to discharge their dues punctually.

Resolved, that Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 108, having sustained a loss of \$33<sup>46</sup>/<sub>100</sub> on remittance to the Grand Lodge on the 14 June, 1819, the Grand Treasurer be and is hereby authorized and instructed to credit Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 108 for one half of the said loss amounting to \$16.73.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Philad<sup>a</sup>. Oct<sup>r</sup>. 11, 1822.

B. DAHLGREN,  
WILLIAM PAGE,  
R. TOLAND,  
W<sup>m</sup>. MAYWEG.

Which report was adopted.

The Committee to whom was referred the Appeal of Brother Jonathan H. Walker on behalf of W—— P—— from a Vote of rejection passed against him by Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 45, held at Pittsburg, made report which was read, but no resolution being annexed to the report for the Grand Lodge to act on, it was on Motion recommitted to a select Committee consisting

of Brothers Samuel F. Bradford, Michael Nisbet and Tobias Buhler.

A Petition was received and read from T—— B. S—— stating that in the year 1822 he was rejected by Lodge No. 139, for which he knows no just cause and praying the Grand Lodge to investigate his Character and if found worthy to be reinstated in his former standing, which Petition being recommended by a Number of Brethren, was on Motion referred to Brothers Thomas Harper, John Kenworthy and Emmor T. Weaver to enquire and make report.

A Petition was received and read from F—— B. S——, stating that he some time since made application to Doylestown Benevolent Lodge, No. 168, for Initiation. That the Committee reported favourably but on a ballot being taken he was rejected. That he had good reason to believe that through some personal and political Motives One or two of the Members of said Lodge were induced to Vote against his admission. And conceiving that such motives ought never to influence the conduct of any Mason to deprive a Citizen of good standing from ever becoming a Member of the fraternity, and holding the principles and Morality of the order in the highest veneration. Therefore, prays This R. W. Grand Lodge to reinstate him in his former standing so that he may have an opportunity of applying again to the said Lodge No. 168 or to some other adjacent Lodge for admission. Which Petition being recommended by the Officers and a considerable Number of the Members of said Lodge, was on Motion referred to Brothers Edward King, William Mandry and David Boyd to enquire and make report.

Lodge No. 114, held at Philadelphia. A Communication of the reinstatement by said Lodge of Daniel J. Rhoads was received and read.

Lodge No. 164, held at Washington Penn<sup>a</sup>. Election Return of said Lodge of December, 1821, was presented and read.

A Communication was received and read from Lodge No. 84, held at Somerset, disapproving of the proceedings of Lodge No. 43, held at Lancaster. Which was ordered to be filed.

A Communication was received and read from Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 143, held at Chambersburg, disapproving of the proceedings of Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 43, held at Lancaster. Which was ordered to be filed.

On Motion made and seconded,

Resolved, that the W. Master, Wardens and Brethren of the Late Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 43, holden at Lancaster, be, and they are hereby cited to appear before the Grand Lodge, on the third Monday in December next, to show cause why they should not individually be suspended from their rights and privileges as Masons, until they shall return to their fidelity and allegiance to this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, that a personal attendance at the Grand Lodge in compliance with the above resolution, shall not be required, and that such of the Members of the said late Lodge as shall on or before the third Monday in December, communicate to the Grand Secretary, their dissent from the proceedings of the said Lodge relative to the proposed Convention to be holden at Harrisburg, on the first Monday in January next, shall be, and they are hereby continued in the full enjoyment of their rights and privileges, as Masons under the Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, that the Grand Secretary be directed to transmit a Copy of the foregoing resolutions to each person, who was a Member of the said Lodge at the time of the suspension of its Warrant.

The R. W. Grand Master having laid before the Grand Lodge a printed Circular from Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 152, held at Easton, approbating the conduct of Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 43, and appointing Delegates to meet the proposed Convention at Harrisburg on the first Monday in January next, the following resolutions were adopted.

Resolved, that the Warrant of Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 152, be called in, and that the W. Master of that Lodge be, and he is hereby directed and required forthwith to return the same to the Grand Secretary.

Resolved, that until Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 152, shall return to its Masonic faith and allegiance and shall be reinstated in its

former rights and privileges, the different Lodges and Brethren under the Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge be, and they are hereby prohibited from holding with said Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 152, any Masonic fellowship or communion.

On Motion and Seconded,

Resolved, that the Grand Secretary have printed and communicate a Copy of the foregoing resolutions to each Lodge within the State.

On Motion and Seconded,

Resolved, that the W. Master, Wardens and Brethren of the late Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 152, holden at Easton, be and they are hereby cited to appear before the Grand Lodge on the third Monday in December next, to shew cause why they should not individually be suspended from their rights and privileges as Masons, until they shall return to their fidelity and allegiance to this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, that a personal attendance at the Grand Lodge in compliance with the above resolution, shall not be required, and that such of the Members of the said late Lodge, as shall, on or before the third Monday in December, communicate to the Grand Secretary, their dissent from the proceedings of the said Lodge relative to the proposed Convention to be holden at Harrisburg on the first Monday in January next, shall be, and they are hereby continued in the full enjoyment of their rights and privileges as Masons under the Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, that the Grand Secretary be directed to transmit a Copy of the foregoing resolutions to each person, who was a Member of the said Lodge at the time of the suspension of its warrant.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 10 o'clock in the Evening.

GEORGE A. BAKER,  
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, A. D. 1822, A. L. 5822.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

BRO. JOSIAH RANDALL, R. W. Grand Master.

“ John B. Gibson, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

“ James Harper, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

“ Thomas Kittera, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.

“ George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

“ Joseph S. Lewis, R. W. Grand Treasurer.

“ Nathan R. Potts, Deputy Grand Secretary.

“ Randall Hutchinson, Senior Grand Deacon.

“ Michael Nisbet, Junior Grand Deacon.

“ James McAlpin, Grand Sword Bearer.

“ Elhanan W. Keyser, Grand Marshal.

“ Robert R. Bell, Grand Pursuivant.

“ William Schneider, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 21, 45, 51, 52, 59, 61, 67, 71, 72, 73, 84, 91, 114, 115, 121, 125, 126, 127, 128, 130, 131, 134, 135, 139, 141, 155, 158, 165, 168, 172, and 176 represented.

Thirty Five Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at 6 o'clock in the Evening.

On Motion the reading of the Minutes of the last Grand Quarterly Communication and of the Meetings held since was postponed.

The R. W. Grand Master informed the Brethren that this was the Evening appointed by the regulations of the Grand Lodge for the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year.

Whereupon, on Motion and Seconded, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the election, when the following Brethren were re-elected :

Josiah Randall, R. W. Grand Master.

John B. Gibson, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

James Harper, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

Thomas Kittera, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.

George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

Joseph S. Lewis, R. W. Grand Treasurer.

A Commission was received and read from Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 168, held at Doylestown, appointing Brother David Moody, proxy, to represent said Lodge in the Grand Lodge. Whereupon,

On Motion and Seconded,

Brother Moody was recognized as proxy of said Lodge.

The Grand Secretary stated that he had forwarded to the W. Masters of the late Lodges N<sup>o</sup> 43 and 152, the resolutions passed by the Grand Lodge calling in the Warrants of said Lodges and had required their surrender, and that he had also forwarded to the individual Members of the said late Lodges, the resolution citing them to appear and shew cause why they should not be expelled. That from N<sup>o</sup> 43, he had received the Warrant, together with a printed Communication, and from N<sup>o</sup> 152 he had received the return of Members and their dues up to the end of the present year amounting to \$50.41, but had not received the Warrant.

The Communication accompanying the surrender of the Warrant of Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 43, was then read and ordered to be laid on the Table.

Grand Lodge adjourned in Harmony at 9 o'clock, P. M. to meet again on the third Monday in the present Month at 6 o'clock in the Evening.

GEORGE A. BAKER,  
Grand Secretary.

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PHILADELPHIA, Monday, December 16, A. D. 1822, A. L. 5822.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, In Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

Bro. JOSIAH RANDALL, R. W. Grand Master.

“ John B. Gibson, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

“ James Harper, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

“ Bernard Dahlgren, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P. T.

“ George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

“ Henry Benner, R. W. Grand Treasurer, P. T.

“ Nathan R. Potts, Deputy Grand Secretary.



Bro. Randal Hutchinson, Senior Grand Deacon.

“ Michael Nisbet, Junior Grand Deacon.

Rev<sup>d</sup>. Abner Kneeland, Grand Chaplain, P. T.

Bro. William Wray, Grand Sword Bearer, P. T.

“ David Boyd, Grand Marshal, P. T.

“ Robert R. Bell, Grand Pursuivant.

“ Samuel F. Bradford, R. W. P. Grand Master.

“ Charles Schneider, Grand Tyler, P. T.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 21, 45, 51, 52, 59, 61, 67, 71, 72, 73, 84, 91, 104, 106,  
114, 115, 125, 126, 127, 128, 130, 131, 134, 135, 139, 141, 165, 168,  
172 and 176 represented.

Thirty Four Lodges being represented Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at 6 o'clock in the Evening.

On Motion and Seconded,

Resolved, that the Committee on Landmarks be instructed to examine whether Jesse Denson, who has applied to visit the Grand Lodge and who states that he was entered, passed and raised in Tennessee, twelve years ago, or upwards, but does not retain the Name and Number of the Lodge is an A. Y. Mason or not.

On Motion of Brother Dahlgren and Seconded the following Preamble and Resolution were adopted :

Whereas, this Grand Lodge is desirous of affording the Reverend Brother William Rogers a proof of the just sense which they entertain of his services in the discharge of the duties of his sacred Office during a long and exemplary life.

Resolved, that the Reverend Brother William Rogers, Senior Grand Chaplain, be and he is hereby constituted ex-officio, a Member of this Grand Lodge with all the rights and immunities of Membership.

The R. W. Grand Master stated that this was the Evening appointed by the Grand Lodge for the hearing of the Citations issued against the Members of the late Lodges N<sup>o</sup> 43 and 152 to shew cause why they should not individually be suspended from their rights and privileges as Masons, and that Committees appointed by the cited Brethren were in waiting. He was pleased thereupon to leave his seat and deliver it to Brother Gibson, R. W. D. G. Master.

The following written communication was received from the Committee of N<sup>o</sup>. 43.

To the Right Worshipful the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania having Resolved that the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren of the late Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 43, holden at Lancaster, be cited to appear before the Grand Lodge on this day to shew cause why they should not individually be suspended from their rights and privileges as Masons,

The undersigned being appointed a Committee on behalf of the said Master, Wardens and Brethren are now ready and in attendance to shew cause, &c., and respectfully request to be admitted into the Grand Lodge.

MOLTON C. ROGERS.

EBEN. WRIGHT.

HENRY KEFFER.

G. B. PORTER.

Dec<sup>r</sup>. 16, 1822.

A Verbal Communication of the same purport was received from Brothers James M. Porter and Abraham Miller, the Committee from the Members of the late Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 152.

Whereupon, on Motion and Seconded, the said Brethren were admitted and conducted to seats assigned them in the West.

On Motion and Seconded,

Resolved, that Grand Lodge do now proceed to the consideration of the Citations.

On Motion of Brother Randall and seconded, the following Resolution relative to the mode of conducting the proceedings was adopted.

Resolved, that upon the hearing of the Citations to the Members of the late Lodges N<sup>o</sup>. 43 and N<sup>o</sup>. 152 the following order shall be pursued :

1<sup>st</sup>. The Citations and all other necessary documents shall be read.

2<sup>nd</sup>. The Brethren cited shall be respectively allowed the right of being heard in their defence.

- 3<sup>rd</sup>. After the Brethren cited have concluded, the Members of the Grand Lodge in the presence of the cited Brethren, may discuss the question, but shall not be interrupted or answered by any but Members of the Grand Lodge.
- 4<sup>th</sup>. After the Members of the Grand Lodge have concluded their debate the cited Brethren shall have an opportunity of defending and explaining themselves upon any point they may deem material.
- 5<sup>th</sup>. After all discussion has been closed, the cited Brethren shall withdraw, and the Grand Lodge proceed to the final determination of their case.

The Citations and the following communications were read by the Grand Secretary :

The proceedings of a Meeting of Masons held in the City of Lancaster which is as follows :

At a large and respectable meeting of free and accepted Masons, holden in pursuance of public notice, at the Lodge Room of late Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 43, in the City of Lancaster, December 9, 1822, Gen. Henry Hambright, of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 46, Ephrata, was elected Chairman, and Dr. N. W. Sample, of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 104, was elected Secretary.

The object of the meeting having been stated by the Chairman, the several Communications of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 43 and the Grand Lodge were read ; whereupon it was,

Resolved, That a Committee of seven be appointed to draft such resolutions as should be expressive of the sentiments of the meeting respecting the unhappy difference between the Grand Lodge and late Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 43.

The Chairman then appointed,

Joel Lightner,	.	.	of Lodge N <sup>o</sup> . 104.
Alexander L. Evans,	.	.	of Lodge N <sup>o</sup> . 116.
Lewis Wisler,	.	.	of Lodge N <sup>o</sup> . 169.
Gen. James Caldwell,	.	.	of Lodge N <sup>o</sup> . 104.
Dr. Jacob Moore,	.	.	of Lodge N <sup>o</sup> . 156.
James Sweeny,	.	.	of Lodge N <sup>o</sup> . 169.
Gardner Furniss,	.	.	of Lodge N <sup>o</sup> . 156.

Which Committee having retired, at 6 o'clock P. M. returned and submitted to the meeting the following preamble and resolutions.

The Committee to whom was referred the several Communications from late Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 43, and from the Grand Lodge make the following Report :

That we have carefully examined the subject referred to us, and while we do most sincerely deplore the unhappy differences which now exist between the Grand Lodge and several of the subordinate Lodges, we do most heartily approve the course pursued by our Brethren of late Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 43 held in this place.

A Convention of Delegates from the several Masonic Lodges in this State, we conceive to be the only legitimate body which can correct those errors that now exist in the administration of Masonic Jurisprudence in Pennsylvania, and we regret that this course has not met the approbation of the Grand Lodge.

We would therefore recommend to our Masonic Brethren in this State, to unite in their efforts to restore this ancient and honourable institution to its former purity. Therefore,

1. Resolved, That this meeting do approve the conduct of those who have resisted the unjustifiable requisitions of the Grand Lodge, and have recommended a Convention to correct those errors which sad experience proves do now exist.

2. Resolved, That the course pursued by the Grand Lodge, in opposition to the contemplated reformation, is unjustifiable and oppressive.

3. Resolved, That we will, notwithstanding the opposition of the Grand Lodge, persevere in our endeavors to purge the Masonic Temple and restore this Honorable Institution to its ancient splendour.

JOEL LIGHTNER,  
ALEXANDER L. EVANS,  
LEWIS WISLER,  
JAMES CALDWELL,  
JACOB MOORE,  
JAMES SWEENEY,  
GARDNER FURNISS.

Which preamble and resolutions being read, were unanimously adopted.

On Motion, Resolved, That the proceedings of this Meeting be signed by the Chairman and Secretary, and Copies thereof be forthwith transmitted to the Grand Lodge and the several subordinate Lodges in this Commonwealth.

N. W. Sample, Secretary. Henry Hambright, Chairman.

A Communication from Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 82, held at Milford, Pike County, on the subject of the differences between the Grand Lodge and late Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 43, disapproving of the proceedings of the said Lodge and declaring it inexpedient to appoint Delegates to attend the Convention to be held at Harrisburg.

A resolution passed by Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 104, held in Lancaster County, appointing delegates to attend the proposed convention at Harrisburg.

A Communication from Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 179, held in Pike County, respecting the differences between the Grand Lodge and Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 43 and disapproving of the proceedings of said Lodge.

A Letter from Philip Reitzel dated Reading, December 12, 1822, stating in substance that he was a Member of late Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 43, that he was not present when the proceedings alleged to be censurable took place and therefore of course he presumed he would not be considered as having taken any part in the measure, that he always felt the propriety of his allegiance to the Grand Lodge and is disposed to support it in any regular proceeding.

Brother George B. Porter produced and read a written authority from 37 Members of late Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 43 appointing Brothers Molton C. Rogers, James Buchannan, George B. Porter, Ebenezer Wright and Henry Keffer to appear for them in the Grand Lodge.

Brother George B. Porter read and offered the following Protest, which was ordered to be inserted on the Minutes :

To the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Pennsylv<sup>a</sup> :

We the undersigned in behalf of ourselves and those whom we represent by Virtue of the power hereunto annexed for the reasons hereinafter stated, do most solemnly protest against the power, Authority and Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge in the matter now under consideration.

The Grand Lodge have thought proper to cite us to appear on this day to shew cause why we should not individually be suspended from our rights and privileges as Masons. That the Grand Lodge have power to issue such a Citation, and to carry into effect the threats therein contained we do most explicitly deny. If this power be contained in the written Laws by which that body is governed we have not been able to find it. It is not derived from immemorial usage, for we believe this is the first attempt of the kind in the annals of Masonry. That a subordinate Lodge has power to suspend or expel its Members for unmasonic conduct we will not deny. But that the Grand Lodge should possess the power to suspend from the enjoyment of Masonic privileges, Individuals not members of that body, we never will admit. Were it so, wretched indeed would be the situation of those who reside at a distance. They might be cited four times a year to attend before the Grand Lodge and be compelled to travel twenty four hundred Miles annually to answer trifling complaints before that body ; and Masonry instead of being a blessing, would be the greatest curse imposed on the human race and We, instead of being *free* would in fact be the Children of the severest Bondage. If the Grand Lodge possess any power or jurisdiction similar to that which is now claimed, it is only appellate, not original. A sense of duty which we owe this ancient and honorable Institution has induced us to withstand this usurpation of power, which can only terminate in the destruction of that wisdom, strength and beauty which has hitherto ornamented and supported our Masonic fabric.

Whatever jurisdiction or authority the Grand Lodge may have claimed over us individually while acting under their authority, they have lost by their inconsiderate and as we think, unjustifiable conduct. Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 43, having voluntarily surrendered its Charter, We are neither Members of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania nor of any subordinate Lodge under the jurisdiction of that body. As well might the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts or South Carolina call on us to appear individually before them, or be suspended from the

enjoyment of our Masonic Privileges. Terrible indeed would be the consequence which would result to the Craft, were it admitted that this or any other Grand Lodge possessed this power. The Grand Lodge have without notice, without an accusation and without an hearing attempted to dissolve our Lodge, call in our Warrant and to abolish our Chartered privileges; and now to make the despotism more effectual they claim the right to suspend us individually from the enjoyment of those few privileges which remain. To submit to this usurped authority would indeed render us the fit subjects of despotic rule. An imperious duty which we owe ourselves, to our Masonic Brethren throughout the world and to posterity, has induced us to resist this authority and absolutely deny the jurisdiction now attempted to be established.

We do therefore for ourselves, and those whom we have the honor to represent, most solemnly protest against the power, Authority and Jurisdiction of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to suspend individually the Members of late Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 43.

MOLTON C. ROGERS,  
EBEN WRIGHT,  
HENRY KEFFER,  
J. B. PORTER.

In Grand Lodge,  
Dec. 16, 1822.

On Motion of Brother King and Seconded, the following resolution after being discussed on the part of the Grand Lodge and by the Committee of late Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 43 was adopted:

Resolved, that this Grand Lodge have jurisdiction in the case of the Members of the late Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 43 and that the protest of said Lodge be and is hereby overruled.

The Committee from N<sup>o</sup>. 43, then read and presented the following demand and claim, which was ordered to be entered on the Minutes:

The Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania having disregarded our Protest and decided that they have

jurisdiction of the subject now before them, relative to the individual suspension of the Members of late Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 43, We the undersigned, in behalf of Ourselves and those whom we represent claim to be furnished with a specification of the charge or charges which are alleged against us.

We are induced to make this demand from a thorough Conviction of Our right to claim the same. In Our Civil government this right is guaranteed to us by our Constitution, and no Citizen can be deprived of it even by Military Law. It will not therefore we presume, be pretended that in a Society where all the proceedings are intended to be regulated by the *Square* of Virtue, the *Plumb line* of Integrity and the *Level* of Equality, this privilege will be denied.

If the Grand Lodge will condescend to specify that un-masonic conduct which would justify them in suspending us from the enjoyment of our Masonic privileges, we will give such an answer as will justify the course which we have pursued to every "rational and thinking mind."

We also demand the Name of Our *Accuser*. This too we claim as a right. Perhaps that Accuser is influenced by un-masonic principles. We may be able to convince this Grand Lodge that he is more deserving of censure than those whom he accuses; and that instead of being influenced by a regard for the institution he is impelled by disappointed ambition and personal animosity.

We further claim as our indefeasible right, time to prepare for our defence and a full and fair trial before a Grand Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge. It cannot be pretended that an Extra Meeting is a proper time to try a Question of so much importance to the Fraternity. This question is of the utmost importance to Individuals, to Subordinate Lodges, and to the Grand Lodge and we hope and trust a sense of Honor, Dignity and Justice, will prevent the Grand Lodge from acting on it in a hasty or inconsiderate manner.

These claims we make for ourselves and those whom we represent. Should they be allowed, we think we shall be able to convince every unprejudiced mind, that instead of censure



we deserve applause for our zeal in this "Great and Glorious Undertaking."

MOLTON C. ROGERS,  
EBEN WRIGHT,  
HENRY KEFFER,  
G. B. PORTER.

In Grand Lodge,  
Dec. 16, 1822.

Brother James M. Porter stated that the proceedings had arrived at that stage, that he judged it proper to begin with the business of the Members of the late Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 152, and read and offered the following protest:

To the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Penn<sup>a</sup>:

The Subscribers appearing for and in behalf of the Members of Easton Lodge, N<sup>o</sup> 152, having this day learned from the Grand Secretary, that on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of November last, the Members then present of the Grand Lodge thought proper, at an adjourned Meeting, to suspend the Warrant of the said Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 152, because the said Lodge on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of October last adopted the report of a Committee appointed by the said Lodge on the controversy which grew out of the proceedings of Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 43 (held at Lancaster) of the 10<sup>th</sup> of July last, Do protest against the said decision of the Grand Lodge as unmasonic, contrary to what is alleged to be the 13<sup>th</sup> Article of the Constitution of the said Grand Lodge and a hasty, vindictive, arbitrary and tyrannical proceeding, inconsistent with the principles of Masonry and calculated to much mischief and no good.

JAMES MADISON PORTER, W. M. Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 152,  
ABRAHAM MILLER, S. Warden of Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 152.

Philadelphia,  
Dec. 16, A. L. 5822.

Brother Randall, Grand Master, stated that the Grand Secretary had forwarded to Bro. Spering, the W. Master of Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 152, the resolution of the Grand Lodge calling in the Warrant of said Lodge, but in consequence of the absence of Brother Spering from Easton, the Members it appears did not receive the notice.

Brother James M. Porter also read and offered the following Communication from the Members of the late Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 152 :

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

A Number of the Members of Easton Lodge, N<sup>o</sup>. 152, having received through Mail, a Citation to appear before the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, on the third Monday of December, A. L. 5822, to shew cause why they shall not individually be suspended from their rights and privileges as Masons, until they shall return to their fidelity and allegiance to the said Grand Lodge. The undersigned Members of the said Easton Lodge, N<sup>o</sup>. 152, being wholly unaware that they have in any respect departed from their allegiance to that right Worshipful body, and protesting their entire innocence of any such charge or imputation, respectfully solicit that they may be furnished with the charges, and the particular instances of misconduct, want of allegiance or fidelity, whereon the said Citation has been founded.

As Masons they conceive that they are entitled to this information that they may be prepared to meet their accusers face to face, and have an opportunity of refuting any charges that may be preferred against them, tending to prejudice their Characters and standing as Members of the fraternity, as Citizens. They value their Masonic privileges too highly to be indifferent to a Citation which may have for its object the deprivation of those rights and privileges, and being thus anxious on the subject, they trust that the right Worshipful Grand Lodge will see the propriety of this their request.

The undersigned have always cherished and they trust they ever will be permitted to cherish, the highest respect for that right Worshipful body whence as a Lodge they emanated. They wish to cultivate harmony not only with their Brethren of the Grand Lodge, but with the whole fraternity. It may have been in relation to certain matters which now unfortunately distract the fraternity, it has been the misfortune of the Members of Easton Lodge, not to agree in opinion with their Brethren of the Grand Lodge. None of the fraternity can more sincerely deplore the differences above alluded to, than the undersigned, And if in the expression of their honest

opinion, upon the best lights which have been afforded them, they have been in error, they are ready and willing, upon being convinced that such opinion is wrong, to retract such erroneous opinion and acknowledge that they have erred in Judgment, which they protest they have not in intention. But they cannot believe that a difference in opinion, honestly entertained and frankly expressed ought to expose them to the severe punishment of being deprived of their Masonic rights and privileges. They have always believed that an honest difference of opinion neither is, nor can be criminal. That intention is always the essence of crime.

They therefore respectfully solicit the Grand Lodge to appoint a Committee to enquire into their conduct. That such Committee be composed of brethren who have not entered with warmth into the subject which agitates the fraternity. That the accused may be made acquainted with the charges preferred against them and that they may have time fully to prepare and make their defence, which at present they are unable to do.

The undersigned conclude their request by again assuring the Grand Lodge that they are desirous of cultivating harmony. That they wish to see brotherly love prevail. They wish not to arrogate rights which they do not possess and they deprecate precipitancy and warmth, which may lead to consequences more easily regretted than remedied.

They beg leave to subscribe themselves

Your Brethren,

(Sign'd)

CHRISTIAN J. HUTTER, P. M.

J. M. PORTER, W. M. P. T.

TIMOTHY WEISS, J. W.

ABRAHAM MILLER.

F. W. COLLIER.

MAR<sup>r</sup>. M<sup>c</sup>MICHAEL.

On Motion and Seconded,

Resolved, that the Grand Secretary furnish the Committees from the Members of the late Lodges N<sup>o</sup>. 43 and 152 with Copies of the following charge :

Charge against the Individual Members of the late Lodges N<sup>o</sup>. 43 and 152 :

Participating in the measures adopted by Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 43 to call an illegal and unconstitutional Convention of Masons to review the location, organization and measures of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and to apply remedies for supposed grievances under which its subordinate Lodges are alleged to labour, thereby denying the supremacy and subverting the legal authority of the Grand Lodge over the Craft under its Jurisdiction.

The Delegates from the Members of the late Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 152, in conformity with their written request asked the Grand Lodge to appoint a Committee of Conference.

Whereupon on Motion and Seconded,

Resolved, that a Committee be appointed to confer with the delegates from the Members of the late Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 152.

The R. W. Grand Master appointed Brothers Samuel F. Bradford, Edward King and William Boyd on the above Committee.

Grand Lodge adjourned in Harmony at  $\frac{3}{4}$  past 11 o'clock in the Evening to meet again to-morrow afternoon at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 4 o'clock.

GEORGE A. BAKER,  
Grand Secretary.

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PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, December 17, A. D. 1822, A. L. 5822.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present.

Bro. JOSIAH RANDALL, R. W. Grand Master.

" John B. Gibson, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

" James Harper, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

" William Boyd, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.

" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

" Anthony Fannen, R. W. Grand Treasurer, P. T.

" R. Hutchinson, Senior Grand Deacon.

" T. B. Freeman, Junior Grand Deacon.

Rev<sup>d</sup>. Bro. W<sup>m</sup>. Rogers, Grand Chaplain.

Bro. C. C. Febiger, Grand Sword Bearer.

“ John W. Allen, Grand Marshal.

“ Robert Longhead, Grand Pursuivant.

“ Sam. F. Bradford, R. W. P. Grand Master.

“ William Schneider, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 3, 19, 45, 21, 51, 59, 61, 67, 72, 73, 81, 84, 91, 104, 106, 114, 115,  
121, 125, 127, 128, 130, 131, 134, 135, 141, 158, 165,  
172 and 176 represented.

Thirty Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at half past 4 o'clock, P. M.

On Motion the Committees from the Members of the late Lodges N<sup>o</sup>. 43 and 152 were admitted.

The R. W. Grand Master left his seat and delivered it to Brother Gibson, Deputy Grand Master.

The Committee of Conference made report which was read and is as follows :

The Committee of Conference appointed by the Grand Lodge to communicate with the Representatives of late Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 152, Easton,

Report :

That the Committee met the Delegates this morning on the subject referred to them, at which time the said Delegates submitted the following propositions as the basis of reconciliation between the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and the late Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 152 :

1. “ That the proceedings of Grand Lodge in relation to Easton Lodge and its Members be rescinded.”

2. “ That the Resolution of Easton Lodge appointing Delegates to the proposed meeting at Harrisburg should be rescinded.”

3. “ That the Grand Master shall in person or by Deputy, visit and instruct Easton Lodge once in each year.”

4. “ That a proposition to preclude Past Masters from being Members of the Grand Lodge shall be submitted to the Consideration of the Grand Lodge.”

On behalf of the Grand Lodge your Committee submitted the following propositions :

1. “ The Grand Lodge and Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 152 shall mutually

erase from their Minutes, or cause to be rescinded all proceedings relative to the matter in dispute.”

2. “That the Warrant of Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 152 shall be returned and all the intermediate proceedings shall be confirmed.”

3. “If required a Committee shall be appointed to consider the grievances and report what Measures the G. L. should adopt thereon.”

The spirit of conciliation felt by the Committee, as well as by the Delegates, produced an union of sentiment, and after considering the propositions respectively submitted, have finally agreed that the existing differences be adjusted on the following principles, viz :

1. That the Grand Lodge and Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 152, mutually rescind all proceedings relative to the matter in dispute.

2. That the Warrant of Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 152 shall be returned and all intermediate proceedings of said Lodge confirmed.

3. That a Grand Committee to be composed of not more than three Members from each subordinate Lodge under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, shall be appointed to take into consideration the alleged grievances of the subordinate Lodges, and report what measures ought to be adopted by the Grand Lodge on the several subjects which have agitated the fraternity: Provided that each Lodge, whether represented by one or more Members, shall have only one Vote in Committee.

4. That each subordinate Lodge shall be permitted to Name the Master, Past Masters or Wardens of their Lodges, or their proxy, whom they will nominate as Members of the said Grand Committee, (Provided that no proxy shall represent more than three Lodges), which Committee so appointed shall meet at the Hall of the Grand Lodge in the City of Philadelphia on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of February next, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

5. That the Grand Secretary furnish a Copy of these proceedings to each subordinate Lodge under the Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, and request them to Nominate and appoint Members of said Grand Committee and communicate such appointment as soon as practicable to the Grand Lodge.

On behalf of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 152.

(Sign'd)

JAMES MADISON PORTER, W. M.  
ABRAHAM MILLER, S. War.  
EDWARD KING,  
W<sup>m</sup>. BOYD,  
SAM. F. BRADFORD, } Committee.

Your Committee believing the principles introduced into the above agreement, just and equitable and tending to restore that harmony among the Masonic Family which has of late been so unhappily disturbed, do recommend for the adoption of the Grand Lodge the following Resolution :

Resolved, that this Grand Lodge do approve, ratify and confirm the arrangements entered into with the Delegates from Easton Lodge, N<sup>o</sup>. 152, agreeably to the report of the Committee of Conference.

EDWARD KING,  
W<sup>m</sup>. BOYD,  
SAM. F. BRADFORD, } Committee.

Philadelphia, December  
17, A. L. 5822.

Which report and Resolution were unanimously adopted.

The Delegates from N<sup>o</sup>. 152 were invited to take their seats as Members of the Grand Lodge.

The Delegates from the Members of the late Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 43 then expressed their desire that a similar Committee of Conference might be appointed to confer with them, whereupon the same Committee were appointed on the part of the Grand Lodge to confer with them.

The Committee of Conference withdrew, and shortly after returned and made the following report :

The Committee of Conference appointed by the Grand Lodge to communicate with the Committee in attendance here as the Representatives of the late Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 43,

Report,

That they have had a Meeting with the said Committee and after having mutually considered the subject and submitted their ideas to the said Committee and heard the

propositions of the said Committee, We have mutually agreed upon the following resolutions and submit the same for adoption in this Grand Lodge.

1<sup>st</sup>. That the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge and Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 43 shall mutually rescind all proceedings had in their respective Lodges relative to the matters in dispute, and that the Warrant of N<sup>o</sup>. 43 be returned to them.

2<sup>nd</sup>. That a Grand Committee to be composed of not more than three Members from each subordinate Lodge under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, shall be appointed to take into consideration the alleged grievances of the subordinate Lodges and report what measures ought to be adopted by the Grand Lodge on the several subjects which have agitated the fraternity, Provided that each Lodge shall be entitled to but one vote in the Meeting of the said Grand Committee.

3. That each subordinate Lodge shall be permitted to name the Master, Past Masters, Wardens and Members of their Committee, to be appointed as aforesaid, or to appoint a proxy to represent them in the said Committee, (Provided that no proxy shall represent more than three Lodges), which said Grand Committee so to be appointed shall meet in the Hall of the Grand Lodge in the City of Philadelphia, on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of February next at 10 o'clock, A. M.

4. That it shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary to furnish a Copy of these Proceedings to each subordinate Lodge under the Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, and request them to appoint Members, as aforesaid, of the said Grand Committee and communicate such appointment as soon as practicable to the Grand Lodge.

Your Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following Resolution, viz :

Resolved, that this Grand Lodge do approve, ratify and confirm the agreement entered into by the Committee of Conference and the Delegates of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 43.

EDWARD KING,	} Committee.
W <sup>m</sup> . BOYD,	
SAM. F. BRADFORD,	

Decem. 17, 1822, A. L. 5822.



Agreed to on behalf of the Members of late Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 43 same day.

MOLTON C. ROGERS,  
EBEN WRIGHT,  
HENRY KEFFER,  
G. B. PORTER.

Decem. 17, 1822, A. L. 5822.

Which report and Resolutions were unanimously adopted.

The Representatives of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 43 were invited to take their Seats as Members of the Grand Lodge.

On Motion and Seconded,

Resolved, that Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 43 be authorized to elect and install their officers at any time previous to St John's Day that the Worshipful Master may convene the Lodge.

The W. Master of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 104 asked leave to withdraw the communication from said Lodge stating that they had appointed Delegates to the proposed Convention to be holden at Harrisburg.

Grand Lodge adjourned in Harmony at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 8 o'clock, P. M. to meet again on the 24 instant at 6 o'clock in the Evening.

GEORGE A. BAKER,  
Grand Secretary.

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PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, December 24, A. D. 1822, A. L. 5822.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

BRO. JOSIAH RANDALL, R. W. Grand Master.

" John B. Gibson, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

" James Harper, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

" Thomas Kittera, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.

" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

" Joseph S. Lewis, R. W. Grand Treasurer.

" Sam. H. Perkins, Deputy Grand Secretary.

" John W. Allen, Senior Grand Deacon.

Bro. John Smith, Junior Grand Deacon.

“ James McAlpin, Grand Sword Bearer.

“ Charles Price, Grand Marshal.

“ Robert Loughhead, Grand Pursuivant.

“ William Schneider, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 19, 21, 45, 51, 73, 81, 91, 106, 114, 121, 127, 128, 130, 131, 134, 141, 165, 152, 168, 172 and 176 represented.

Twenty One Lodges being represented Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at half past 6 o'clock in the Evening.

The Minutes of the Grand Quarterly Communication of the 2<sup>nd</sup> September and of the Adjourned Communications of the 16<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> September, October 21<sup>st</sup>, November 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> were read and approved.

The following Communications, &c., from Lodges were received and read :

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 127, held at Philadelphia, of the suspension of W—— McC—— for embezzeling the funds of the Lodge.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 143, held at Chambersburg, of the rejection of C—— S—— and D—— H. S——.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 147, held at Bethany, Wayne County. A Petition praying the Grand Lodge to relinquish the payment of their dues for five years to come, towards enabling them to erect a Masonic Temple for the purpose of holding their Lodges and Chapter in unmolested and undisturbed. Which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 171, of its having been removed from Pottstown to Pugh Town.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 178, held at Huntingdon. Resolutions passed by said Lodge, regretting the unhappy differences that had occurred between the Grand Lodge and Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 43 and 152, and requesting their W. Master and David R. Porter to use all Masonic Means to have said Lodges reinstated in their Masonic rights.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 181, held at St. Jago de Cuba. Return of Members. A Commission appointing Bro. Joseph S. Lewis proxy of said Lodge was presented. Whereupon, Brother Lewis was duly recognized as Proxy. Sundry Communications from

said Lodge in the Spanish Language were also presented and referred to Brothers Joseph S. Lewis, James W. Murray and T. B. Freeman to examine and report thereon.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 183, held in Tredyffring Township, Chester County.

Return to Dispensation to Constitute said Lodge was presented whereby it appeared that said Lodge was duly constituted on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of September last.

A Communication was received and read from Olive Branch Lodge, N<sup>o</sup>. 114, held at Leesburg, Virginia, informing of the rejection of H—— D——, a clock and Watch maker, a Swiss by birth, who occasionally goes from that place to Philadelphia, and will endeavor to gain admittance into some Lodge. Which was ordered to be filed.

A Petition was received and read from Brother T—— G—— appealing from a Vote of expulsion passed against him by the late Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 22, lately held at Sunbury, which was referred to the Worshipful Master, Senior and Junior Wardens of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 148, held at Northumberland, to enquire and make report.

On Motion and Seconded,

Resolved, that the Report of the Building Committee on the call to surrender the Books and Vouchers relative to the disbursements made by the Superintendent be made the order of the day for the next adjourned Meeting of the Grand Lodge.

An Account was rendered by the Committee of Charity of the state of the Charity Fund which was ordered to be filed.

The Committee to whom was referred the communication from the Hall Committee relative to William Rush's Bill made report which was read and is as follows :

The Committee to whom was referred the Application of the Building Committee relative to M<sup>r</sup>. Rush's Bill,

Respectfully Report,

That all the figures were ordered by Members of the Building Committee at the same time, without apprizing the Artist that there was to be any difference in the mode of payment. The G. L. was relied on for payment, and if the Committee have erred there is no reason why the artist should suffer. They are therefore decidedly of opinion that the G. L. should pay the balance due M<sup>r</sup>. Rush.

It does not appear that the G. L. has paid for what beyond all doubt, the Building Committee ordered. Mr. Rush's Bill Consists of charges for 3 figures, each 60\$, and 2 Cornucopia's, 30\$, making in the whole 210. Of this sum the subscribers to the paper handed the Grand Lodge were liable for 2 figures, 120\$. The Grand Lodge for One figure, 60, and 2 Cornucopias, 30, of which they have paid but 60, leaving a balance due of 30\$. The whole amount due Mr. Rush is but forty four Dollars, which will leave a balance of fourteen dollars, which ought to be refunded the G. L. by the brethren who have subscribed for the payment of the figures of Faith and Hope. Your Committee do not think that the Grand Lodge can with any propriety appoint a Committee to collect the subscriptions ; this should be done by the Brethren who have subscribed ; it is a matter with which the G. L. has no concern.

They therefore submit as a substitute for the Resolution offered by the Building Committee the following :

Resolved, that the Treasurer pay W. Rush the Sum of 44\$, the amount of his bill against the G. L.

Resolved, that it be recommended to the Brethren who have subscribed a paper offering to pay for the figures of Hope and Faith to collect the sum of 14\$ and refund to the Grand Lodge that sum paid for them.

TH. KITTERA,	} Committee.
S. WONDERLY,	
CHARLES PIERCE,	

On Motion, said report was amended by striking out the last resolution and inserting the following substitute :

Resolved, that the subscription paper to procure the figures of Faith and Hope be handed to the Grand Tyler, and that he be authorized to collect the subscriptions remaining unpaid.

The report as amended was then adopted.

The Committee to whom was referred the Application from Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 143 soliciting donations to aid in the erection of a Masonic Temple, made report which was read, amended, adopted as amended and is as follows :

The Committee appointed on the 4<sup>th</sup> November last to take

into consideration the Application of George Washington Lodge, N<sup>o</sup> 143, Chambersburg,

Report,

That the object contemplated by the Petitioners in their circular address requesting pecuniary aid for the purpose of erecting a Masonic Lodge, is of a nature that meets the most decided approbation of the Committee and they accord perfectly with the worthy Brethren who require our assistance in the propriety of the measure, and sincerely wish they may be successful in founding and erecting a respectable Masonic Temple, wherein the works of Brotherly love and Charity may be conducted in a manner that may tend to the comfort, harmony and good order of the Craft.

Your Committee have however to acknowledge that on the part of the Grand Lodge, our good wishes are at this time to be substituted for more efficient aid. The resources of the Grand Lodge being at present entirely appropriated, they are unable to draw from the funds of the G. L. any portion for the laudable purpose requested. Your Committee are however unwilling to let the opportunity pass over without recommending to the Notice of individual Members, the propriety of aiding and assisting in the contemplated subscription ; they therefore respectfully submit the following resolution :

Resolved, that a Committee of three be appointed to open a subscription in aid of the intended Masonic building to be erected in Chambersburg, and that the Members of the Grand Lodge be invited to subscribe thereto.

SAM. F. BRADFORD.

W<sup>m</sup>. BOYD.

Philadelphia,

December 24<sup>th</sup>, 1822.

The R. W. Grand Master appointed Brothers Samuel F. Bradford, William Boyd and Henry Benner a Committee for the above purpose.

The Committee on Finance made report which was read and is as follows :

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of Pennsylvania :

The Committee on Finance having carefully and minutely examined the Accounts and Vouchers of the Grand Lodge for the last Sixteen years respectfully submit the following statements for the information of the Members of the Grand Lodge, viz :

A. Exhibits the balance in the Treasury on the 27<sup>th</sup> December, 1805, when James Milnor was elected Grand Master.

The Receipts and payments during 1806, 1807 and 1808.

The balance in the Treasury on the 27<sup>th</sup> December, 1808, when the ground in Chestnut Street was purchased for the erection of the New Hall.

The arrears due from the Lodges on the 27 Dec., 1805.

The Amount of Dues accrued and collections made during 1806, 1807 and 1808.

The Arrears due from the Lodges on the 27<sup>th</sup> December, 1808.

The Decrease and Increase of Lodges and Members during the same period.

B. Is a similar statement for the year 1809 to 1818, both inclusive, embracing the period from the erection to the conflagration of the New Hall.

C. Is a similar statement for the years 1819, 1820 and 1821.

D. Is a similar statement for 16 years from 1806 to 1821, both inclusive.

E. Statement of yearly payments and receipts for Lighting the Hall during the whole period of its being lighted by the Grand Lodge.

F. Statement of the Capital Stock shewing the nett debt of the Grand Lodge.

G. Statement of Rents accrued yearly in the Old and in the New Hall for the years 1806 to 1821, both inclusive.

H. Exhibits the total sum expended in reconstructing and refurnishing the New Hall and constructing the Gas Works ; also, the total amount received for the Insurance, New Loans, Donations and from the General Funds of the Grand Lodge applicable to the Sinking Fund.

I. Statement of the Number of Warrants granted yearly from 1806 to 1821, both years inclusive.

K. Statement of the Number of Initiations yearly from 1816 to 1821, both inclusive.

L. Estimate of the gradual increase of the sinking fund founded on the supposition that \$1000 will be paid into the same yearly by the Grand Lodge, by which it will appear that the whole of the debt may be liquidated in 18 years, or \$70,000 may be paid in 13 years, should the Grand Lodge prefer leaving a permanent incumbrance of \$30,000 on the Building.

M. A List of Lodges which have not made regular Returns up to St John the Evangelist's day 1821.

The Committee of Finance now proceed under the direction of the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sections of the first Article of the Constitution of this Committee, to recommend for adoption by the Grand Lodge the following Resolutions from reasons which the Committee are prepared to state verbally, not wishing to amplify in writing, viz :

Resolved, that after one set of entire Returns shall have been made to Grand Lodge by a Lodge, all the subsequent Returns shall be according to the annexed form.

Resolved, that so soon after the 27<sup>th</sup> of December next ensuing as convenient, the Grand Secretary shall open a New Ledger and Day book on a plan which will be furnished by the Committee on finance.

Resolved, that it shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary on every succeeding Quarterly Communication in June to present a list of all such Lodges as have not rendered their returns for the preceeding year.

Resolved, that it shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary to report to the Grand Lodge on every Grand Communication on St John's day in June, the aggregate number of Institutions and Admissions during the preceeding years as far as returns shall have been made.

Resolved, that it shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary, as Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Masonic Loan, to report to the Committee on Finance any investment which may be made by the said Trustees immediately after it shall have been made.

Resolved, that a responsible Brother be appointed to collect the subscriptions yet unpaid towards the building as well as reconstructing the New Hall, and as compensation 25 ¢ be allowed him on the Amount which may be paid over by him to the Grand Treasurer.

Resolved, that whenever the sum loaned by the Trustees of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 67 shall amount to \$1600, including interest, the Grand Treasurer with the consent of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 67 shall cease to receive any further loan from the said Trustees and the Right Worshipful Grand Master be hereby authorized and respectfully requested, then to issue to the said Trustees a Certificate for the said Loan bearing Six ¢ Cent Interest, payable half Yearly, subject however at all times to the liquidation of whatever dues from Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 67 may remain due and unpaid to Grand Lodge.

Resolved, that in lieu of the Monies drawn from the General Funds of the Grand Lodge towards the reconstruction of the New Hall and which were applicable to the Sinking Fund, the Right Worshipful Grand Master be and he is hereby authorized and respectfully requested to issue a Certificate in favour of the Board of Trustees of the Masonic Loan in the sum of \$3,700, bearing interest at 6 ¢ Cent per Annum, payable half yearly, as an investment for the benefit of the Sinking Fund.

Resolved, that in future no notice be given in the Newspapers of the Grand Communications of this Grand Lodge, at the expense of the Grand Lodge.

Resolved, that the Grand Secretary be directed to notify those Lodges who have not rendered complete Returns up to St. John the Evangelist's day last past, that unless the same be rendered on or before St. John the Baptists day next, their Warrants will then be suspended.

All which is respectfully submitted.

BERNARD DAHLGREN.

WILLIAM PAGE.

W<sup>m</sup>. MAYWEG.

ROB. TOLAND.

Philadelphia,  
Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>. 1822.



Which report and resolutions were adopted and the accompanying documents were ordered to be filed.

The Committee on Finance reported an estimate of the revenues and expenses of the Grand Lodge for the year 1823, which was read and is as follows, to wit:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

The Committee on finance in obedience to the 3<sup>d</sup> Section of the 1<sup>st</sup> Resolution constituting this Committee, beg leave to report the following estimate of the Revenues and expenses of the Grand Lodge for the next year, viz:

*Receipts.*

Rent from M <sup>r</sup> . Guillou, . . .	\$1700	
do. from Medical Society, . . .	150	
do. from Lodges, Mark Lodge, Chap- ters and Encampments, . . .	2295	
	<hr/>	4145
Lighting the Lodge rooms, . . .	600	
Dues from contributing Members of City and Country Lodges, . . .	2400	
Initiations in the City, 120, . . .	\$840	
do. in the Country, 120, . . .	240	
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Warrants, 4 a \$91, . . .	364	
Dispensations, . . .	250	
Certificates, . . .	60	
	<hr/>	8899

*Disbursements.*

Interest, . . .	6000	
G. Secretary's Salary, . . .	650	
Hall Committee, . . .	500	
Gas Committee, besides the receipts for gas selling to M <sup>r</sup> . Guillou, . . .	200	
G. Tylers salary, . . .	150	
extra services, . . .	60	
	<hr/>	210
Printing, . . .	100	
Stationary and postages, . . .	50	
	<hr/>	7710
Surplus, . . .		<hr/>
		\$1189

from which is to be deducted the annual appropriation to the Trustees of the Gas Loan towards the repayment of that loan, about, .	400
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leaves, . . . . .	<u>\$789</u>
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Which it is expected will be absorbed by the payments of debts contracted by the Furnishing Committee in the year 1820, but not yet liquidated, and by the renewal of the annual insurance effected in New York.

On the strength of the foregoing estimate the Committee on Finance offer the following Resolution :

Resolved, that the sum of Seven thousand and Ten dollars be and is hereby appropriated for the payment of Interest, G. Secretary's salary, G. Tylers compensation, Printing, Stationary and Postages during the year 1823 and that the G. Secretary draw on the G. Treasurer for the same under the restrictions set forth in the second Resolution constituting the Committee of Finance.

Resolved, that the sum of Five hundred Dollars be and is hereby appropriated for the use of the Hall Committee during the year 1823, and that the Hall Committee draw on the G. Treasurer for the same under the restrictions set forth in the second Resolution constituting the Committee on Finance.

Resolved, that the sum of Two hundred Dollars be and is hereby appropriated for the use of the Gas Committee during the year 1823, (exclusive of whatever monies may be received from the sale of Gas to M<sup>r</sup>. Guillou) and that the Gas Committee draw on the G. Treasurer for the same, under the restrictions set forth in the second Resolution constituting the Committee on Finance.

Resolved, that in future no Committee charged with the disbursement of Monies shall be considered as finally discharged until all the debts contracted by such Committee shall have been paid by them.

Resolved, that the G. Secretary shall at the end of every three Months render to the Grand Treasurer an Account of all

Monies received by him on Acco<sup>t</sup> of the G. Lodge and shall forthwith pay the amount over to the G. Treasurer.

All which is respectfully submitted by

BERNARD DAHLGREN,	}	Committee on Finance.
WILLIAM PAGE,		
MARK RICHARD,		
ROB. TOLAND,		

Philadelphia,

2 Dec., A. L. 5822.

Which report and Resolutions were adopted.

The Committee of Correspondence made report which was read and is as follows :

To the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

The Committee of Correspondence having had under consideration the several matters submitted to them,

Respectfully Report,

I. That the correspondence with the Grand Lodge of England, for several years interrupted, having been happily renewed, ought to be sedulously maintained by the regular transmission of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge.

The Union of the Ancient and Modern G. Lodges of England has rendered it highly important to this Grand Lodge, in common with all Masons of the York ritual to learn the principles on which that union is based. And though former efforts of this Grand Lodge to obtain information on this subject have been ineffectual, your Committee are of the opinion that further endeavours may prove successful, and therefore they recommend the adoption of the following Resolution :

Resolved, that the Grand Secretary be and he is hereby instructed to communicate with the Grand Lodge of England, as with other G. Lodges in regular correspondence with the G. Lodge of Pennsylvania ; and that he be directed to request from the G. L. of England full information with regard to the principles, which have governed the Union of the Ancient and Modern G. Lodges of that Kingdom.

II. The Communication from the G. Lodge of Hamburg, relative to the refusal of Ohio Lodge at Pittsburg to receive

the visit of August Henrick Glazier, cannot be acknowledged according to the established principles of G. Lodge, It being apparent that the Hamburg G. Lodge is composed of Modern Masons, and that Mr. Glazier has been initiated after their manner. This fact forms an ample justification of the Lodge at Pittsburg, of which Mr. Glazier had complained. On this subject your Committee submit the following resolution :

Resolved, that the Committee of Correspondence be discharged from the further consideration of the Communication from the G. Lodge of Hamburg.

III. Several Communications from the Grand Lodges of New York and Vermont have been referred to your Committee. They do not observe in them any matters requiring the special notice of this G. Lodge, But they would recommend that due care be taken by the Grand Secretary to preserve our correspondence with them by the punctual transmission of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge.

IV. The Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia transmitted a copy of their proceedings to this G. Lodge in 1815, unaccompanied by the customary form of announcing the establishment of a G. Lodge and without a request for recognition by this G. Lodge. Under these circumstances this G. Lodge delivered the usual correspondence with that of the District of Columbia. These omissions have been supplied by a communication in 1818, containing a narrative of the lawful establishment of that G. Lodge and notice of its correspondence with most of the G. Lodges of the United States, and with that of England, and a request that the G. Lodge of Pennsylvania will admit them to its fraternal intercourse. To this your Committee think that the G. Lodge of the District of Columbia is fully entitled, and they regret that circumstances have hitherto prevented this Grand Lodge from doing them justice. Your Committee therefore recommend the following resolution :

Resolved, that the G. Secretary be instructed to correspond with the G. Lodge of the District of Columbia, as with the other G. Lodges in correspondence with this Grand Lodge.

V. The Grand Lodge of Alabama was established in 1821

by a congregation of Six regular Warranted Lodges, and at the date of its communication to this Grand Lodge had twelve Lodges working under Warrants and two by dispensation within its jurisdiction. That G. Lodge solicits the correspondence of this, and your Committee offer the following resolution :

Resolved, that the Grand Secretary be instructed to forward to the Grand Lodge of Alabama, the proceedings of this Grand Lodge as is done to all Lodges in regular correspondence therewith.

VI. The Grand Lodge of Missouri was established by the convention of three subordinate Lodges in Feb., 1821. Since that time it has received an accession of six other Lodges and had at the time of its last communication nine Lodges working under its jurisdiction. It does not appear to your Committee that G. Lodge has been recognized by the G. Lodge or Lodges from which the subordinate Lodges that established it received their Authority ; nor that it has been acknowledged by any G. Lodge whatever, though its Grand Master has been instructed to open a correspondence with the several Grand Lodges of the United States. It is however to be observed that little more than a year had elapsed between the establishment of the Grand Lodge of Missouri and its last communication to this G. Lodge, and that it may since have been recognized by the Grand Lodges in its vicinity and elsewhere.

Your Committee think there has been an irregularity in the formation of the Missouri G. Lodge from three subordinate Lodges. But this may have been cured by the accession of other subordinate Lodges since its erection. The right to organize a G. Lodge having therefore been conceded to every state on the adoption of a Constitution, Your Committee are of the opinion, that as the Grand Lodge of Missouri now consists of more than *five* Lodges, that the error of its original formation should be overlooked, and that it should be recognized by this Grand Lodge. They therefore offer the following resolution :

Resolved, that the Grand Secretary transmit the proceed-

ings of this Grand Lodge to the Grand Lodge of Missouri, as to other G. Lodges in correspondence with this G. Lodge.

All which is respectfully submitted,

THO. F. GORDON.

J. W. MURRAY.

T. B. FREEMAN.

Which report was adopted.

Grand Lodge adjourned in harmony at half past 9 o'clock, P. M., to meet again on Monday the 3<sup>rd</sup> February next, at 6 o'clock in the Evening.

GEORGE A. BAKER,  
Grand Secretary.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST'S DAY, Philadelphia, Friday, December 27<sup>th</sup>, A. D. 1822, A. L. 5822.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand General Communication.

Present :

Bro. JOSIAH RANDALL, R. W. Grand Master.

" John B. Gibson, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

" James Harper, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

" John W. Harris, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P. T.

" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

" Joseph S. Lewis, R. W. Grand Treasurer.

" Sam. H. Perkins, Deputy Grand Secretary, P. T.

" Randal Hutchinson, Senior Grand Deacon.

" Robert De Silver, Junior Grand Deacon.

" William Wray, Grand Sword Bearer.

" Elhanan W. Keyser, Grand Marshal.

" Charles Schneider, Grand Pursuivant.

" William Schneider, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 21, 45, 51, 52, 59, 61, 67, 84, 91, 114, 115, 125, 131, 134, 141, 75, 158, 165, 168, 172, 175 and 181 represented.

Twenty Five Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

So much of the Minutes of the last Grand Quarterly Com-

munication as relates to the election of Grand Officers was read when the following Grand Officers elect were severally installed into their respective offices in ancient and solemn form and being duly proclaimed they received the cordial and accustomed salutations of the Brethren.

Brother Josiah Randall, R. W. Grand Master.

“ John B. Gibson, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

“ James Harper, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

“ George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

“ Joseph S. Lewis, R. W. Grand Treasurer.

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to make the following appointments, to wit :

Bro. Randal Hutchinson, Senior Grand Deacon.

“ Edward King, Junior Grand Warden.

Rev<sup>d</sup>. Bro. William Rogers,

“ “ George Potts,

“ “ Gregory T. Bedell,

} Grand Chaplains.

Brother William Wray,

“ Thomas Amies,

} Grand Stewards.

“ James M<sup>c</sup>Alpin, Grand Sword Bearer.

“ Elhanan W. Keyser, Grand Marshal.

“ Robert R. Bell, Grand Pursuivant.

“ William Schneider, Grand Tyler.

#### Committees, Viz :

Brother Thomas F. Gordon,

“ T. B. Freeman,

“ Michael Nisbet,

} Committee on Correspondence.

“ George A. Baker,

“ Nathan R. Potts,

“ Stephen W. Smith,

} Committee to examine the  
Bye Laws of the subordin-  
ate Lodges.

“ Samuel Wonderly,

“ Thomas S. Manning,

“ William Mandry,

} Committee to examine the  
transactions of the last  
Year and select for pub-  
lication.

“ Frederick Erringer,

“ Thomas Harper,

“ George W. Jones,

“ Robert De Silver,

“ William F. Seeger,

} Hall Committee.

Brother Bernard Dahlgren,	}	Committee of Charity.
“ Joseph R. Hopkins,		
“ Anthony Fannen,		
“ Solomon Allen,		
“ Emmor T. Weaver,	}	Committee of Finance.
“ Bernard Dahlgren,		
“ William Page,		
“ Mark Richards,		
“ Robert Toland,	}	together with the G. Master, D. G. Master, S. G. Warden and J. G. Warden to com- pose the Committee on Land Marks.
“ William Mayweg.		
“ Bayse Newcomb,		
“ Henry Horn,		
“ Henry Benner,	}	together with the G. Master, D. G. Master, S. G. Warden and J. G. Warden to com- pose the Committee on Land Marks.
“ Andrew Hootton,		
“ John Uhle.		
“ George H. Burgin,		

Gas Committee.

The Grand Secretary reappointed Brother Nathan R. Potts, Deputy Grand Secretary, which was unanimously approved by the Grand Lodge.

A Petition was received and read from divers ancient York Master Masons praying for a Warrant to hold a Lodge in the Town of Braintrim, in the County of Luzerne, to be called “Franklin Lodge” and that Brother Jasper Fassett might be the first Master; Brother John Ford, the first Senior Warden, and Brother Isaac Lacey, junior, the first Junior Warden thereof. Which Petition being in due form and recommended agreeably to the rules and regulations of the Grand Lodge, it was,

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that the prayer of the Petition be granted, that Brother Grand Secretary make out a Warrant accordingly and that the same be Numbered 185.

The following Returns from Lodges were presented and read, viz:

Lodge No. 9, held at Philadelphia. Election Return.

Lodge No. 61, held at Wilkesbarre. Election Return.

Lodge No. 59, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Account of Dues. Return of Members.



Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 68, held at Carnarvon Township, Berks County.

Return of Members to 27<sup>th</sup> December, 1821, containing the expulsion of the following Brethren, J—— B——, J—— M——, C—— C——, H—— L——, I—— B——, J—— K——, J—— T——, G—— J——, M—— S——, and J—— H——.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 67, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Account of Dues. Return of Members, containing the expulsion of T—— M. D——, and the suspension of W—— P——, J—— H—— and W—— H——.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 81, held at Germantown. Election Return.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 82, Milford, Pike County. Election Return of December, 1821. Account of Dues to June 24, 1822. Return of Members to same period containing the expulsion of A—— C——, J—— E——, A—— E—— and H—— N——, for non payment of dues.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 121, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Account of Dues. Return of Members.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 123, held in the Borough of York. Election Return.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 125, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Account of Dues. Return of Members.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 128, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Account of Dues. Return of Members.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 152, held at Easton. Election Return. Account of Dues. Return of Members, containing the suspension of S—— S—— and J—— N—— for non payment of dues.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 135, held at Roxborough. Election Return. Account of Dues and Return of Members, containing the suspension of S—— C. A—— and J—— G——.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 156, held at Chestnut Level, Lancaster Cot<sup>y</sup>. Election Return, also the return of the expulsion of J—— R—— (Surveyor) and J—— H. W—— (Taylor) for non payment of dues.

A Communication was received and read from a Committee appointed by Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 116, held at Marietta, to investigate a complaint preferred by Brother Christian Keesey a Member of said Lodge against Brother Philip Duffield formerly a

Member of Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 43, held at Lancaster, but who had withdrawn from that Lodge and is not at present a Member of any Lodge. Whereupon, on Motion and Seconded, said Communication was referred to the W. Master, Senior and Junior Wardens of Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 169, held in the Borough of Columbia, to enquire and make report.

Communications were received and read from the Grand Master and Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, accompanied with an elegant Copy of the "Ahiman Rezon" recently published in a New Edition by their Worthy Grand Chaplain, the Rev<sup>d</sup>. Frederick Dalcho, and transmitted by direction of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free Masons of South Carolina to the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, with a request that it would be accepted as a mark of their fraternal affection. Whereupon, On Motion and Seconded,

Resolved unanimously, that the Grand Secretary be instructed to acknowledge the receipt of the said Communications and tender the thanks of this Grand Lodge to the M. W. Grand Lodge of South Carolina for their very acceptable present of Bro. Dalcho's Ahiman Rezon.

A Communication was received and read from the Grand Lodge of South Carolina relative to itinerant Lectures, &c., which was referred to the Committee on Landmarks.

A Communication was also received and read from the Grand Lodge of South Carolina containing sundry expulsions, &c., which was filed.

The following Communications from Grand Lodge were received and read and ordered to be filed :

From the Grand Lodge of Maine, disapproving of the establishment of a General Grand Lodge of the United States and the calling of a Masonic Convention for the purpose of organizing the same.

From the Grand Lodge of New York, containing the Names and Signatures of the Grand Officers thereof.

From the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, containing the Names and Signatures of the Grand Officers thereof.

From the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, containing an Account

of their proceedings in the Month of August, 1822, and declaring it inexpedient to form a General Grand Lodge of the United States; and that it was unnecessary to adopt any measures for an occasional convocation of Delegates from the different Grand Lodges of the respective states, as proposed by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

From the Grand Lodge of Indiana, containing an account of their proceedings in the Month of October, 1822, with a report on the subject of establishing a General Grand Lodge of the United States, and a Resolve that the consideration of the contemplated erection of a General Grand Lodge of the United States be postponed to the next Grand Annual Communication. Also, a Communication of the Names and Signatures of the Grand Lodge of Indiana.

Grand Lodge closed in harmony at a quarter past 12 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,  
Grand Secretary.

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PHILADELPHIA, Monday, February 3<sup>d</sup>, A. D. 1823, A. L. 5823.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present:

Bro. JOSIAH RANDALL, R. W. Grand Master.

" James Harper, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, P. T.

" Thomas Kittera, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, P. T.

" Emmor T. Weaver, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P. T.

" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

" Solomon Allen, R. W. Grand Treasurer, P. T.

" Nathan R. Potts, Deputy Grand Sec<sup>y</sup>.

" George Beatty, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.

" Edward King, Junior Grand Deacon.

Rev. Bro. William Rogers, Grand Chaplain.

Bro. John Caner, Grand Sword Bearer, P. T.

" David E. Wilson, Grand Marshal, P. T.

" John W. Harris, Grand Pursuivant, P. T.

" Samuel F. Bradford, R. W. P. G. M.

" William Schneider, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 21, 45, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 73, 91, 114, 115, 121, 126, 127, 128, 130, 131, 134, 139, 141, 155, 158, 160, 165, 168, 172 and 176 represented.

Thirty Two Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at 6 o'clock in the Evening.

A Petition was received and read from sundry A. Y. Master Masons, praying for a Warrant to hold a New Lodge in the City of Philadelphia, to be styled "Eastern Star Lodge" No.

and that Brother William Barger, might be designated W. Master; Brother Joseph Blackford, Senior Warden, and Brother Daniel W. Engleman, Junior Warden of the same. Which Petition being in due form and recommended agreeably to the rules and regulations of the Grand Lodge, it was

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that the Prayer of the Petition be granted, that Brother Grand Secretary make out a Warrant accordingly and that the same be Numbered 186.

The following Returns, &c., from Lodges were presented and read, to wit:

Lodge No. 2, Philadelphia. Election Return. Account of Dues. Return of Members, containing the expulsion of W—— F—— and J—— H——.

Lodge No. 3, Philadelphia. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Dues.

Lodge No. 9, Philadelphia. Account of Dues. Return of Members, containing the suspension of B—— M——.

Lodge No. 19, Philadelphia. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Dues.

Lodge No. 25, Bristol. Election Return.

Lodge No. 45, Pittsburgh. Election Return.

Lodge No. 46, Ephrata. Election Return.

Lodge No. 50, West Chester. Election Return.

Lodge No. 51, Philadelphia. Election Return. Account of Dues. Return of Members, containing the expulsion of J—— H——, T—— S—— and J—— W—— for non payment of Dues and the Suspension of R. P. McC—— for 12 Months for non payment of dues from 26 Dec., 1822. Also, Com. of an alteration in the Bye Laws of

said Lodge which was referred to the Committee on Bye Laws.

Lodge No. 52, Philadelphia. Election Return. Account of Dues. Return of Members, containing the expulsion of J—— N—— and H—— L. M—— for non payment of dues.

Lodge No. 64, Greensburg. Election Return. Return of Members, containing the suspension of W—— M—— for unmasonic conduct.

Lodge No. 71, Philadelphia. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Dues.

Lodge No. 72, Philadelphia. Election Return. Account of Dues. Return of Members, containing the expulsion of H—— F——.

Lodge No. 73, Philadelphia. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Dues.

Lodge No. 75, Charlestown Township, Chester Cot<sup>y</sup>. Election Return.

Lodge No. 81, Germantown. Return of Members. Account of Dues.

Lodge No. 91, Philadelphia. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Dues.

Lodge No. 106, Williamsport, Lycoming County. Election Return.

Lodge No. 126, Philadelphia. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Dues.

Lodge No. 127, Philadelphia. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Dues.

Lodge No. 130, Philadelphia. Election Return. Account of Dues. Return of Members.

Lodge No. 132. A Communication was received of said Lodge having been removed from West Nantmeal Township, in Chester County, to the Spread Eagle Tavern, Honeybrook Township, Chester County, on the Downingtown, Ephrata and Harrisburg Turnpike Road, 2 Miles above the former situation.

Lodge No. 136, Abington. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Dues.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 139, Philadelphia. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Dues.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 142, Sadsbury. Election Return.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 143, Chambersburg. Election Return. Account of Dues. Return of Members, containing the expulsion of C—— O'N——.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 151, Allentown. Election Return.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 158, Philadelphia. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Dues.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 138, held at Orwigsburg. Election Returns from Dec., 1813 to Dec., 1822. Account of Dues from Dec., 1814 to Dec., 1822. Return of Members for same period, containing the rejection of G—— E—— and the suspension of T—— H—— S—— L——, J—— I. G——, J—— G——, J—— B——, J—— W——.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 162, N. London Cross Roads, Chester County. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Dues.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 168, Doylestown. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Dues, containing the rejection of J—— S——.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 172, Lebanon. Election Return. Account of Dues. Return of Members.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 178, Huntingdon. Return of Members, containing the rejection of G—— H——.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 183, Tredyffring, Chester County. Election Return.

The R. W. Grand Master laid before the Grand Lodge, a Communication headed "Masonic Convention," purporting to be the proceedings of a Meeting of Delegates from sundry Lodges and other Masons, under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, held at Harrisburg on the 6<sup>th</sup> January last, in the Lodge Room of Perseverance Lodge, N<sup>o</sup>. 21, which was read, and On Motion, was referred to Brothers James Harper, Samuel F. Bradford, Thomas F. Gordon, George M. Dallas and John Barnes to inquire and make report.

A Communication was received and read from Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 144 Milton, dated 27<sup>th</sup> December, 1822, on the subject of the differences between the Grand Lodge and Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 43, and

of their having appointed Delegates to attend the Harrisburg Convention. Which was referred to the same Committee.

A Circular Letter dated Lancaster, December 30<sup>th</sup>, 1822, addressed by Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 43, Lancaster, to the Country Lodges on the subject of the Meeting of the Grand Committee, and expressing the willingness of the Members of said Lodge to act as proxies for those Lodges which should find it inconvenient or impracticable to send their own Members as delegates, was read and laid on the table.

A Communication dated 29 November, 1822, was received and read from Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 45, Pittsburg, disapproving of the proceedings of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 43, which was laid on the Table.

A Communication was received and read from Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 64, Greensburg, disapproving of the proceedings of the Harrisburg Convention and declaring it inexpedient and improper to hold any Communication with any Committee that has been appointed by the Masonic Convention held at Harrisburg, which was laid on the table.

A Communication was received and read from Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 168, held at Doylestown, approbatory of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge in reference to Lodges N<sup>o</sup>. 43 and 152, which was laid on the Table.

On Motion and Seconded,

Resolved, that the different communications from the subordinate Lodges to this Grand Lodge relative to the differences between the Grand Lodge and Lodges N<sup>o</sup>. 43 and 152 be referred to the Grand Committee for their information.

A report and Account were received and read from the Trustees of the Masonic Loans and ordered to be entered on the Minutes and are as follows :

At a Stated Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Masonic Loans held at the Hall of the Grand Lodge in Philadelphia, on Monday the 6 January, 1823.

A Certificate or return of an election held this Morning for the purpose of electing from among the Stockholders, Six Persons to serve in conjunction with the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden, Junior Grand Warden, Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer as Trustees of

the Masonic Loans for One year and until a new Board shall be elected on the first Monday in January, 1824, was read whereby it appeared that Edward Burd, Stephen Girard, Thomas Hale, Thomas F. Leaming, James McAlpin and Bernard Dahlgren were duly elected.

The Board proceeded to the election of Officers for the ensuing year, when

Edward Burd, Esquire, was elected President,

George A. Baker, Secretary, and

Thomas Hale, Treasurer.

On Motion and Seconded,

Resolved, that a Copy of the Account of the Board of Trustees laid before the Stockholders this Morning at their Annual Meeting be transmitted to the Grand Lodge for their information.

Extract from the Minutes.

GEORGE A. BAKER,

Secretary of the Board of Trustees.



Dr. The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in account with the Trustees of the Masonic Loans. Cr.

1821.		1822.	
Decr. 31.	To the Old Account for balance due Thomas McEuen, Esq., Treasurer of the Board, for Amount advanced by him. \$66.25	Jan'y. 2.	By Cash received 6 Months Interest on 152 Shares of Masonic Loan due yesterday, . . . . . \$456.
		April 2.	By ditto received of Joseph S. Lewis, Grand Treasurer, on order of the Grand Master, . . . . . 1000.
1822.		" 17.	By ditto received 6 Months dividend on 40 Shares of Farmer's and Mechanick's Bank Stock due 1 <sup>st</sup> January, 1822, . . 60.
April 13.	To Cash paid for \$1404.12 of U. S. 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ C. Stock of 1813 at 103 $\frac{1}{4}$ , . . . . . 1449.75		<u>\$1516.</u>
		July 1.	By Cash received 3 Months Interest on \$1404.12 of U. S. 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ C. Stock, . . . \$21.06
		" 17.	By ditto received 6 Months dividend due 1 <sup>st</sup> instant on 40 Shares of Farmer's and Mechanick's B. Stock, . . . . . 60.
		Sep <sup>r</sup> . 20.	By ditto received 6 Months Interest on 152 Shares of Masonic Loan due 1 <sup>st</sup> July last, . . . . . 456.
		Oct <sup>r</sup> . 1.	By ditto received 3 Months Interest on \$1404.12 of U. S. 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ C. Stock, . . . 21.06
Octo <sup>r</sup> . 13.	To Cash paid for \$535.37 of U. S. 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ C. Stock of 1813, at 104 $\frac{1}{4}$ , . . . . . \$558.12		<u>\$558.12</u>

The sinking Fund now consists of the following Stock, viz :

152 Shares of Masonic Loan with 6 Months Interest due 1<sup>st</sup> January, 1823.

40 Shares of Farmer's and Mechanick's Bank Stock with 6 Months dividend due 1<sup>st</sup> Jany., 1823.

1939.49 of United States 6  $\frac{3}{4}$  C, Stock with 3 Months Interest thereon due 1<sup>st</sup> July, 1823.

Philadelphia, January 6, 1823.

Errors and Omissions Excepted.

GEORGE A. BAKER,

Secretary to the Board of Trustees.

The above is submitted  
for the information of  
the Stockholders of the  
Masonic Loans.

A Communication was received from the Grand Chapter and read and is as follows :

Grand H. R. A. Chapter of Pennsylvania.

In Adjourned Grand Quarterly Meeting.

Philadelphia, Saturday, January 11, A. D. 1823, A. L. 5823.

On Motion and Seconded,

Resolved, unanimously, that application be made to the Grand Lodge for permission to withdraw the Communication from this Grand Chapter presented and read in Grand Lodge on the 16<sup>th</sup> September last. Extract from the Minutes.  
George A. Baker, Grand Recorder.

Whereupon, on Motion and Seconded,

Resolved, that the request of the Grand Chapter be granted.

An Account was presented from John Sarchet for putting up Stoves and for Stovepipes, &c., amounting to \$118.15 which was referred to Brothers Bernard Dahlgren, G. H. Burgin and J. W. Harris to examine and report thereon.

The following Accounts were presented and referred to the Committee on finance :

Robert De Silver, for Stationery, . . .	\$37.29
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Emmor T. Weaver's, Jewell for G. Chaplain, .	5.
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Samuel Wetherill and Co <sup>rs</sup> for Linseed Oil and white Lead for Gas House, . . .	25.25
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McCorkle and Hamlins, for Advertising,	. \$8.27
Thomas S. Manning, for Printing,	. 143.03

The Committee on Finance made the following reports which were read and adopted :

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

The Committee on Finance report, that on examining the within account of the Grand Secretary for the fourth quarter of 1822, they believe the same to be correct, leaving a balance of Sixty two Dollars, twenty six Cents, due to the Grand Lodge on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1822.

To the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

The Committee on Finance report, that on examining the above account of the Grand Secretary for the payment of the Interest on the Masonic Loans for the fourth quarter of 1822 and comparing it with the Vouchers they find the same to be correct leaving a balance of Ninety Dollars unpaid remaining in Girards Bank on the 31<sup>st</sup> December, 1822.

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

The Committee on finance Report that on examining the within Account of the Grand Treasurer for the fourth quarter of 1822, and comparing it with the vouchers accompanying it they find the same to be correct leaving a balance of Fifteen Hundred and forty seven Dollars, seventy six cents, due to the Grand Lodge on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1822. All Which is respectfully submitted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penn<sup>a</sup> :

The Committee on finance report, That on examining the within Account of the Hall Committee for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 1822, and comparing it with the Vouchers accompanying it, they find the same to be correct leaving a balance of One hundred forty eight Dollars and 37 Cents due to the Grand Lodge on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1822.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penn<sup>a</sup> :

The Committee on finance report, that on examining the within Account of the Gas Committee for the fourth quarter of 1822, and comparing it with the Vouchers accompanying it, they find the same to be correct, leaving a balance of Thirty five dollars, fifty two Cents due to the Grand Lodge on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1822.

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

The Committee on finance report, that on examining the within Account of the Grand Committee of Charity for the year 1822, they believe the same to be correct, leaving a balance of Thirty one Dollars, fifty five Cents due to Bernard Dahlgren, Treasurer of said Committee on the 27<sup>th</sup> December, 1822.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

The Committee on finance report an abstract of receipts and disbursements during the quarter ending with St. Johns day in December, 1822, viz :

*Receipts.*

Lodge dues, . . . .	\$1696.18
Rent of Mr. Guillou, . . . .	400.
A Warrant, . . . .	91.
G. L. Certificates, . . . .	24.
Dispensations, . . . .	55.
Incidental receipts, . . . .	164.03
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	\$2430.21

*Disbursements.*

Hall Committee, . . . .	\$369.83
Gas Committee, . . . .	154.47
G. Secretary's Salary, . . . .	162.50
Insurance on Gas House, . . . .	133.50
Advertising, . . . .	5.40
Discount on Bank Notes, . . . .	3.82
Postages, . . . .	4.23
Incidentals, . . . .	62.55
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	896.30

Balance in the Treasury on the 30 September,

1822, was . . . . \$260.

On the 27 December, 1822, . . . 1793.91

Respectfully submitted,

Philad<sup>a</sup>, 22 Jany., 1823.

BERNARD DAHLGREN.

WILLIAM PAGE.

ROB. TOLAND.

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Francis B. Shaw praying the Grand Lodge to restore him to his former standing before he was rejected by Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 168, made report which was read and is as follows :

To the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

The Committee appointed to investigate into the Petition of Francis B. Shaw an Applicant for Membership in Doylestown Benevolent Lodge, N<sup>o</sup>. 168.

Respectfully Report :

That from the exhibits made to them it appears that the Appellant presented his Petition in the usual form to the Lodge on which a favourable report was made by the Committee to whom it was referred and on proceeding to a ballot Mr. Shaw was disapproved by two Ballots. It further appears that Mr. Shaw is a Man of unexceptionable Character and that no possible reason can be assigned which could justify his exclusion from the Masonic Fraternity. Your Committee have not conceived it expedient to pass any opinion upon the Motives which influenced the dissenting Brethren of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 168, as they conceive those Motives to be matters entirely between them and their consciences, but they are of opinion that this Grand Lodge ought never to ratify any Vote of rejection given on the application of an Individual, unless satisfactory proof is exhibited that his Character and principles are such as to render him an ineligible Member of the Craft. Such a confirmation necessarily operates as a complete and total bar to the rejected applicant from all Masonic Communion, a deprivation only justified by very strong circumstances.

Your Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions by this Grand Lodge :

Resolved, that the rejection of Francis B. Shaw by Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 168 be and is hereby set aside and that Francis B. Shaw be restored to all privileges taken away by said Vote.

Resolved, that the Grand Secretary be directed to forward a Copy of this report and resolutions to Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 168.

EDWARD KING,

DAVID BOYD.

Feb<sup>y</sup>. 3, 1823.

Which report and resolutions were adopted.

The Committee appointed to repair the Gas Works made report which was read and laid on the Table and the accompanying account and Vouchers were referred to the Committee on Finance to examine and report thereon.

The Committee to whom was referred the Accounts from the Etna Furnace for Stoves, and Backs and Jambs, &c., made report which was read and is as follows :

To the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

The Committee to whom was referred, at the Grand Quarterly Communication held on the 4 of November last, all (except so far as relates to retorts) of two accounts received in a Letter from Brother Andrew M. Prevost,

Respectfully report,

That in relation to the *First Account*, being for eight large stoves in plates, (exclusive of finishing) made out by Benjamin B. Howell, Agent for the Etna Furnace, and in which the sum of \$75 per ton is charged, equalling in all \$548.30, made payable to Andrew M. Prevost, your Committee have experienced some difficulty.

It appears upon investigation that the only contract made on behalf of this R. W. Grand Lodge respecting these stoves, was effected in a conversation between Brother Joseph S. Lewis and the above named agent for the Etna Furnace, some time at the close of the year 1820 or commencement of the year 1821 ; that it was never reduced to writing and that it consisted of a brief engagement, on the one hand, to deliver eight stoves of the size and pattern received, and on the other, to pay for them at a rate not exceeding eighty dollars per ton.

Independent of the delay and other circumstances, which have Characterized its execution, Your Committee deemed themselves justified in considering the contract as controulable, in fact and in reason, by a reference to the then customary price of similar work and labor. They accordingly took great pains to ascertain the same with precision.

Their inquiries have been variably answered, but the conclusion fairly deducible from all the information collected is, that the Grand Lodge might certainly have had the eight stoves cast and delivered at the rate of sixty five Dollars for

the ton, notwithstanding the opinions of some Iron founders that seventy dollars was the usual rate and of others, that the job would have been cheerfully undertaken at sixty.

Your Committee learnt, upon scrutiny, that of the seventy five Dollars charged per ton in the bill, five dollars were in consideration of alleged extra trouble and expense incurred in the formation of flasks of the proper construction for these peculiar castings, which flasks, it was said, were of no subsequent value or use; with the extent of this charge, your Committee have not been satisfied and have been induced by inquiry, partially to reject it.

Anxious, however, to avoid litigation, and solicitous to comply satisfactorily with every just requisition, your Committee upon a review of all the circumstances connected with this Bill, have unanimously agreed to recommend to the Grand Lodge, that deducting fifty four dollars and eighty three Cents therefrom and considering \$65 as the customary price for the ton, and \$2.50 as an ample allowance for the extra expense and labor bestowed upon each flask, the charge be admitted at the rate of \$67.50 for the ton, and the claimant be paid \$493.47 in full discharge of his demand. Should, however, the claimant refuse to acquiesce in this reduction, the Committee respectfully suggest that it would be expedient, and no doubt agreeable to all parties, that the subject should be amicably submitted to a reference.

In relation to the *Second Account*, being for weights, backs and jambs, portorage, made out also by the above mentioned agent for the Etna Furnace, equalling the sum of One hundred and eleven Dollars, made payable to John C. Stocker, Your Committee have only been able to collect the following information :

A large quantity of weights of divers denominations were borrowed from the said Ben. B. Howell, for the use of the Grand Lodge, under a stipulation that should others be cast for the Grand Lodge at the Etna Furnace, these were to be received back again, if others were not cast at the Etna Furnace, these were to be retained by the Grand Lodge, paying for them the price of pig iron. Thirty seven weights of

fifty six pounds each, and ten of One hundred and twelve pounds each appear to have been returned ; for the prices of the residue, presumed to be those mentioned in the bill, of which similar ones were not cast at the Etna Furnace for the Grand Lodge, the Grand Lodge is responsible upon the terms specified. The contemporaneous price of pig iron was that stated in the Bill, to wit, forty dollars for the ton.

Concerning the backs and jambs and portorage, no doubt occurred in the minds of your Committee, and no difficulty has existed. They have, therefore, unanimously agreed to recommend to the G. Lodge the liquidation of this account, as it is presented.

Conformably to these views of the subjects referred to them, your Committee offer for adoption the following resolutions :

1. *Resolved*, that a Committee be appointed with authority and instructions to tender to Bro. Andrew M. Prevost the sum of \$493.47 as a full satisfaction of the first Account and if the same be rejected, with authority to Act on behalf of this Grand Lodge, in consenting to and conducting, an amicable reference.

2. *Resolved*, That an order be drawn on the Grand Treasurer in favor of John C. Stocker, for the sum of One Hundred and eleven Dollars, in discharge of the second Account.

3. *Resolved*, That this Committee be discharged from any further consideration of the subject.

THOMAS HARPER, }  
G. M. DALLAS,        }  
EDWARD KING,        } Committee.

The R. W. Grand Master stated, that Bro. A. M. Prevost had informed him that he was willing to accept the sum of \$493.47 as reported by the Committee in full satisfaction of his Account. Whereupon,

On Motion the first resolution in the report was amended so as to read as follows :

*Resolved*, that the R. W. Grand Master be authorized to draw an order on the Grand Treasurer in favor of Brother Andrew M. Prevost for the sum of \$493.47 as full satisfaction of the first Account.

The report and resolutions were then adopted.



A Petition was received from Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 123 and read and is as follows :

York, Penn<sup>a</sup>., Jan<sup>y</sup>. 1823, A. L. 5823.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

The Subscribers, Committee of St. John's Lodge, N<sup>o</sup>. 123, appointed to obtain a settlement of the Accounts of said Lodge with the G. Lodge of Penn<sup>a</sup>. respectfully represent, that on the Petition of Thomas Armstrong, Jacob Kline, Tho<sup>s</sup>. McGrath and others, Master Masons, recommended by several Members of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 43, held at Lancaster, praying for a Warrant to hold a Lodge in this place, and stating at the same time that \$87 were deposited in the hands of Bro. Robert McIlvee, of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 43, for the payment of the same. The G. Lodge granted a Warrant Numbered 123, appointing the above named Brethren as the first officers of the same and by Dispensation authorized Members of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 43 to instal said Officers and organise said Lodge.

That this Lodge continued to work under their Charter until, when on Account of the smallness of their Numbers, they concluded to suspend their labours, and by the advice and direction of the G. Lodge the Warrant, &c., was deposited in the hands of Bro. Geo. Haller, the then W. Master, in whose hands they continued until Oct. 21, 1819, when Bro. Geo. Haller, in behalf of the remaining Members of the late Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 123, and other Brethren residing in the place, wrote to the G. Lodge praying for permission to meet and resume their labours, stating that they were willing to pay up the arrearages of dues to the G. Lodge and to make a present towards rebuilding the Hall of 50\$, and if able to give \$100, to do so. The G. Lodge on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of Nov., 1819, "Resolved, that the Members of the late Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 123 be authorized to meet and resume their labours." That in compliance with their promise Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 123 on or about the day of 1820, by the hand of one of their Members paid to the G. Treasurer the \$50, which they had promised as a donation, but that instead of its being received as a donation this Lodge was declared to be indebted to the Grand Lodge, The whole amount of their Charter purchased in 1810, with a

balance of about \$5 of dues from the time of giving up the Charter. That the \$50 was by the G. Treasurer passed to the Credit of this Lodge on their old Account, the sum of \$87 paid by the former Members never having been Credited.

They further represent that on inquiry they have found that the \$87 which was placed in the hands of Bro. McIlvee, (in compliance with a regulation of the G. Lodge, that no Warrant should be granted but on the Am<sup>t</sup> being secured to be paid) was by him paid to some Spaniard, who presented an order from the G. Treasurer for the same. That the said Spaniard proved to be an Impostor and had forged the order on Bro. McIlvee, as well as orders on the Treasurers of several of the Country Lodges, and had made his escape. And finally that Bro. McIlvee on application, was by the G. Lodge exonerated from his responsibility for the payment of the said \$87, but that the same was not as it ought to have, been credited to Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 123, and they are still held liable by the G. Lodge for the same. That this Lodge has in possession the receipt of Bro. McIlvee for the \$87, and might have obliged him to pay the same to the G. Lodge, had not the G. L. exonerated him from the payment of the same. That the forged order presented to Bro. McIlvee, with other papers relating to the above stated facts are in possession of the G. Secretary and may be referred to by the G. Lodge. That the G. Lodge viewed Bro. McIlvee in the same light that this Lodge did, viz: as liable for the money, is evident from the circumstance of their having exonerated him, on application, and production of the forged order, for why would they exonerate him from the payment of a debt for which he was not liable? That the forgiving of a debt, or the remittance of dues is the same as a receipt for the payment of the same, and that the exoneration of Bro. McIlvee must of necessity exonerate Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 123 from the payment of the \$87.

That this Lodge since their reorganization have until the present year regularly paid their dues, and that they are now prepared to pay for 1822, and will do the same in a few weeks at farthest.

The Committee therefore in behalf of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 123, request the G. Lodge to take into consideration the above statement of facts and credit Lodge 123 with the \$87 paid to Bro. McIlvee, and accept the \$50 paid 1820 as the donation offered by this Lodge in the letter of Bro. Haller dated October 21, 1819.

D. B. PRINCE,  
M. J. GARDNER, } Committee.  
THOMAS M<sup>c</sup>GRATH,

On Motion said Petition was referred to Brothers Thomas Kittera, Thomas F. Gordon and Thomas P. McMahon to enquire and make report.

A Letter dated Sheshequin, Decem<sup>r</sup>. 25, 1822, from Brother Joseph Kingsberry, District Deputy Grand Master of the 4 Masonic District of Pennsylvania, was presented and read on the subject of the unhappy controversy between the Grand Lodge and Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 43.

On Motion, Resolved, that said Letter be referred to the Grand Committee to assemble on the 25<sup>th</sup> instant, provided Bro. Kingsberry give his consent to such reference.

Grand Lodge adjourned in Harmony at 10 o'clock, P. M., to meet on the 3<sup>d</sup> Monday of the present Month at 6 o'clock in the Evening.

GEORGE A. BAKER,  
Grand Secretary.

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PHILADELPHIA, Monday, February 17, A. D. 1823, A. L. 5823.  
Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, In Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

BRO. JOSIAH RANDALL, R. W. Grand Master.

" James Harper, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, P. T.

" Anthony Fannen, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, P. T.

" David Boyd, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P. T.

" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

" Nathan R. Potts, Deputy Grand Secretary.

Bro. Randall Hutchinson, Senior Grand Deacon.

“ Edward King, Junior Grand Deacon.

Rev<sup>d</sup>. Bro. Abner Kneeland, Grand Chaplain.

Bro. Charles A. Droz, Grand Sword Bearer, P. T.

“ Elhanan W. Keyser, Grand Marshal.

“ Samuel F. Bradford, R. W. P. G. Master.

“ George W. Jones, Grand Pursuivant.

“ William Schneider, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 21, 45, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 73, 84, 91, 106, 114, 115, 121, 126, 127, 128, 130, 131, 139, 141, 155, 160, 165, 168, 172 and 176 represented.

Thirty One Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at 6 o'clock in the Evening.

A Petition was received and read from divers A. Y. Master Masons praying for a Warrant to hold a Lodge in the City of Philadelphia, to be called “Integrity Lodge,” N<sup>o</sup>. , and that Bro. Adam Corman, jun<sup>r</sup>. might be the first Master; Brother John Robinson, the first Senior Warden, and Brother Christian Leshar, first Junior Warden of the same. Which Petition being in due form and recommended agreeably to the regulations of the Grand Lodge, it was

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that the prayer of the Petitioners be granted, that Brother Grand Secretary make out a Warrant accordingly and that the same be Numbered 187.

On Motion, Resolved, that a Committee of three be appointed to enquire and report upon the propriety of granting new Warrants in the City of Philadelphia.

The R. W. Grand Master appointed the following Brethren a Committee for the above purpose, viz: James Harper, Michael Nisbet, and William Boyd.

On Motion and Seconded,

Resolved, that the Grand Treasurer be authorized to pay, if required, the reasonable expenses of the District Deputy Grand Masters in attending the Grand Committee to be held on the 25<sup>th</sup> instant.

The W. Master of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 126 stated that the Brother elected Senior Warden of said Lodge had declined being in-

stalled and requested the Grand Lodge to grant permission to said Lodge to hold an election for Senior Warden. Whereupon,

On Motion and Seconded,

Resolved, that Rising Star Lodge, N<sup>o</sup> 126, be authorized to hold an election for Senior Warden.

The following Returns, &c., from Lodges were presented and read :

Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 50, held at West Chester. Account of Dues and Return of Members, containing the expulsion of J—— H. Q—— and Suspension of J—— J——, W—— C—— and J—— H—— for non payment of dues.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 84, Somerset. A Communication dated 13 February, 1823, of their having rescinded the appointment of Proxies to represent them in the Grand Committee of their intention to take no part therein ; that it is the unanimous opinion of all the Members that there should be no other Grand Lodge than the present ; and that they are altogether opposed to the establishing of any other Grand Lodge in this State, either at Harrisburg or elsewhere. Referred to the Grand Committee. Also, a communication from said Lodge soliciting the Grand Lodge to aid them in the erection of a Masonic Temple, by releasing the amount of dues already owing by said Lodge to the Grand Lodge and also releasing them from the payment of dues until the first day of January next or longer, if the Grand Lodge should deem it right. Which was referred to the Committee on finance.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 127, Philadelphia. Communication of the suspension of the following Brethren for non payment of dues, J—— C——, T—— S——, F—— S——, D—— C——, W—— L. N——, G—— M——, F—— W——, D—— M——, J—— P. E——, H—— S——, W—— M——, J—— B. H—— and G—— P. D——.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 146, Meadville. Election Returns 1820, 1821 and 1822. Accounts of Dues, &c., Dec., 1821 and 1822. Returns of Members to Dec., 1821 and 1822, containing the expulsion of B—— M<sup>c</sup>M——.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 171, Pughtown, Chester County. Election Return.  
Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 184, Fairview, Erie County. Return to the Dispensation to Constitute said Lodge whereby it appears that said Lodge was duly constituted on the 28<sup>th</sup> of January last.  
On Motion and Seconded,

Resolved, that in future no fee be charged for Dispensations to Constitute Lodges.

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred the Application from Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 147, held at Bethany, praying the Grand Lodge to relinquish the payment of their dues for five years to come, to aid them in the erection of a Masonic Temple, made report which was read and adopted and is as follows:

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

The Committee of finance to whom the annexed application was referred.

Respectfully report:

That they have considered the same and beg leave to offer the following resolution:

Resolved, that the whole income of the Grand Lodge after deducting the necessary expenses, being by a public Act solemnly pledged to the payment of the Interest and the gradual redemption of the Masonic Loans, it is not in the power of this Grand Lodge to remit dues until said loans shall have been paid off, which it is now ascertained will be effected in a few years, if Masonry should continue to flourish as at present and the Lodges exert themselves to discharge their dues punctually.

Philadelphia, 22 Jan<sup>y</sup>. 1823.

BERNARD DAHLGREN.

WILLIAM PAGE.

ROBERT TOLAND.

A Communication from the Hall Committee was received and read, inclosing a Letter from Mr. George Pepper, complaining of the danger to which his family were exposed and the injury to his property by the snow falling off the roof of the Hall into his yard, &c., which was referred to the Grand Officers and Hall Committee.

The following Communications from Grand Lodges were received and read and ordered to be filed.

From the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, containing an Account of their proceedings in June, 1822, in which it is stated, that the Committee appointed to take into consideration the communication from the City of Washington, made report in favour of sending Delegates to the City of Washington as proposed, and of the Appointment of Delegates by said Grand Lodge.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina in December, 1822, in which it is resolved, that it is inexpedient to form a General Grand Lodge of the United States; and that it is unnecessary to adopt any measures for an occasional convocation of Delegates from the respective Grand Lodges of the several States, as proposed by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Communication from the Grand Lodge of Ohio, in which it is resolved that the establishment of a General Grand Lodge of the United States is at this time inexpedient, but approve of holding a Convocation as recommended by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania on the 24<sup>th</sup> June, 1823, in the City of Philadelphia.

Letter from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, dated 6<sup>th</sup> January, 1823, stating that no definite measure had yet been adopted by said Grand Lodge, relative to the proposition to hold a Grand Convention of Delegates in the City of Philadelphia.

Names and Signatures of the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky for the present year.

Names and Signatures of the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of Alabama for the present year.

On Motion and Seconded,

Resolved, that the Communications from the different Grand Lodges relative to the establishment of a General Grand Lodge of the United States be referred to the Grand Committee to assemble on the 25<sup>th</sup> instant.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at 10 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,

Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, March 3<sup>d</sup>, A. D. 1823, A. L. 5823.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

Bro. JOSIAH RANDALL, R. W. Grand Master.

“ James Harper, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, P. T.

“ Richard Povall, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, P. T.

“ John Caner, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P. T.

“ George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

“ Anthony Fannen, R. W. Grand Treasurer, P. T.

“ Charles S. Cox, Deputy Grand Secretary, P. T.

“ Randal Hutchinson, Senior Grand Deacon.

“ Edward King, Junior Grand Deacon.

Rev<sup>d</sup>. Bro. William Rogers, }  
“ “ Gregory T. Bedell, } Grand Chaplains.

Bro. James McAlpin, Grand Sword Bearer.

“ Elhanan W. Keyser, Grand Marshal.

“ Robert R. Bell, Grand Pursuivant.

“ Samuel F. Bradford, R. W. P. G. Master.

“ William R. Smith, R. W. D. D. G. Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 45, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 73, 81, 84, 91, 114, 115, 121, 126, 127, 128, 130, 131, 134, 141, 147, 155, 158, 135, 160, 165, 152, 168, 172, 176, 178, 186 and 187 represented.

Thirty Eight Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at half past Six o'clock in the Evening.

The Minutes of the several Meetings held in December last were read and approved.

On Motion the reading of the Minutes of the Meetings held in February was postponed.

The following Returns from Lodges were presented and read.

Lodge No. 61, Wilkesbarre. Account of Dues. Return of Members.

Lodge No. 69, Chester. Election Return. Account of Dues. Return of Members, containing the suspension of W—— M—— and the rejection of R—— H——, J—— C——,



J—— R——, D—— F——, A—— B—— and D—— B——.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 102, Frankford. Election Return.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 104, New Holland. Election Returns, Dec., 1821 and 1822. Return of Members, containing the suspension of I—— W. V——, J—— B——, W—— B——, H—— C——, D—— C——, J—— R——, L—— O——, D—— K——, J—— S——, T—— E——, G—— W. W——, G—— B——, T—— G——, J—— S—— for non payment of dues.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 106, Williamsport, Lycoming County. Account of dues. Return of Members, containing the suspension of J—— G——, W—— W——, J—— B——, J—— S——, S—— D——, J—— M——, R—— R——, A—— S——, J—— T——, J—— L——, J—— W——, S—— S——, J—— M——, jun<sup>r</sup>. G—— D—— and H—— W—— for non payment of dues.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 108, Wysox. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Dues.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 114, Philadelphia. Election Return. Account of Dues. Return of Members, containing the expulsion of S—— S—— and R—— S——.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 116, Marietta. Election Returns Dec., 1820, 1821 and 1822. Return of Members and Account of Dues for same period.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 132, Honeybrook, Chester County. Election Return. Account of Dues. Return of Members.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 138, held at Orwigsburg. A Commission duly executed dated the 28<sup>th</sup> January 1823, was received and read from said Lodge, appointing Brother James Mahany, Proxy, to represent said Lodge in Grand Lodge. Whereupon, on Motion and Seconded, Brother James Mahany was duly recognized as Proxy of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 138.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 142, Sadsbury. Election Returns Decem<sup>r</sup>. 1821 and 1822. Return of Members and Account of Dues for same period.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 143, Chambersburg. Communication of the rejection of J—— S——.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 144, Milton. Election Return. Account of Dues. Return of Members, containing the reinstatement of J—— M——.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 147, Bethany. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Dues.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 148, Northumberland. Election Return. Account of Dues. Return of Members, containing the Expulsion of V—— H—— and V—— S——.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 153, Waynesburg. Election Returns, 1821 and 1822. Return of Members and Account of Dues to 27 Dec., 1821.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 155, Philadelphia. Election Return. Account of Dues. Return of Members, containing the suspension of J—— S——, Shoemaker, and the expulsion of C—— F. W——.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 163, held at Towanda. Election Return.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 171, Pugh Town. Return of Members. Account of Dues.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 174, Downingtown. Election Return. Return of Members, containing the expulsion of J—— M. H——.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 176, Mount Pleasant. Election Return. Account of Dues. Return of Members, containing the suspension of J—— L—— and the expulsion of W—— K——.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 179, Pike County. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Dues.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 182, Mercer. Return to Dispensation to Constitute said Lodge was received and read whereby it appeared that said Lodge was duly constituted on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1822.

A Report was received and read from Brother David Scott, Esquire, R. W. D. D. Grand Master of the Second Masonic District of Pennsylvania, and is as follows:

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

The undersigned District Deputy Grand Master for the second Masonic District of Pennsylvania, respectfully reports,

That soon after receiving his Commission he made arrangements for visiting the Lodges within his district at so early a period as to enable him to embrace in his first annual report

every necessary information with regard to their respective labours, character and discipline; but owing to a long and severe indisposition he was deprived of the pleasure he would take in the performance of that duty. He has not however been entirely inattentive to that branch of his duty. He has seen and conversed with the Officers and many of the respectable Members of Most of the Lodges in his district, and although there is some little variety in their work, he is satisfied they are substantially correct. Most of them are very respectable, but he is sorry to say, that in his opinion, some of them are wanting in that discipline, without which it is impossible for any Society instituted for moral purposes, long to command respect.

On the 28<sup>th</sup> day of August last, the undersigned granted Dispensations to the Master and past Masters of Lodge No. 147, held at Bethany, to pass to the Chair Brothers Jeremiah Bennett, James Edwards and Henry Heerman, Master Masons and Members of said Lodge for which the requisite fee of \$15 were rec<sup>d</sup>. From which deduct \$2.12½ for postages on letters received from the G. L., leaves a balance of \$12.87½ which is herewith transmitted by the hands of the Grand Secretary.

DAVID SCOTT, D. D<sup>r</sup> G. M.

2<sup>nd</sup> Masonic Dist. of Penn<sup>a</sup>.

Wilkesbarre,

Dec<sup>r</sup> 27, 1823.

Which report was ordered to be filed.

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition from Lodge No. 123, made report which was read and adopted and is as follows:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

The Committee appointed on the Petition of Lodge No. 123, held at York, Penn<sup>a</sup>.

Respectfully Report:

That a Warrant was granted to said Lodge in November 1810, and delivered by the dep. G. Sec<sup>r</sup> Bro. Thomas Hennessy, to a Man by the name of Morino on his promis-

ing to remit the Cost thereof to the said Deputy Grand Secretary.

That Morino received the price of the Warrant, &c., from Bro. Robert McElwee of Lancaster, (in whose hands it had been deposited by Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 123,) and absconded without paying the same to the Grand Lodge. That subsequently brother McElwee was exonerated from the payment of the said sum by the Grand Lodge and that now Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 123 claimed a Credit for the said Sum, which the Grand Lodge never received. The Committee conceive the demand of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 123 to be just and recommend the adoption of the following Resolutions, viz :

Resolved, that the sum of Ninety dollars and 80 cts be placed to the Credit of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 123, on Acc<sup>t</sup> of its Warrant, &c.

Resolved, that the sum of Fifty dollars, rec'd March 1, 1820, from said Lodge be entered on the Minutes as "a donation towards rebuilding the Masonic Hall," and that the said sum of Fifty dollars credited on Account of dues, be erased from the books of Grand Lodge.

Respect. Submitted,

THO<sup>s</sup>. F. GORDON, }  
T. P. MAC MAHON, } Committee.

Philad<sup>a</sup>.

March 3, 1823.

The Committee on finance made report on sundry Accounts referred to them which was read and is as follows :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

The Committee on Finance to whom were referred sundry bills against the Grand Lodge beg leave to offer the following Resolution :

Resolved, that the Grand Treasurer be authorized to pay Robert De Silver, Thirty Six Dollars and 29 Cents in full for his Bill for Stationery for 1821 and 1822 ; Thomas S. Manning, One hundred and thirty two dollars and three Cents for printing from 8 Dec., 1821 to 23 Dec<sup>r</sup>. 1822 ; McCorkle and Hamelin, Eight Dollars and 27 Cents for advertising for

the year 1822; Emmor T. Weaver five Dollars for a Jewel for the Masonic Procession, 1820.

Respectfully submitted,

BERNARD DAHLGREN.

ROBT. TOLAND.

WM. MAYWEG.

Philadelphia,

22 Feb., 1822.

Which report was adopted.

The Grand Committee appointed in Virtue of sundry resolutions, passed by the Grand Lodge on the 17<sup>th</sup> December, 1822, made report, which was read and is as follows :

To the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

The Grand Committee appointed by Virtue of sundry resolutions of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, passed on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of December, A. L. 5822, to take into consideration "the alleged grievances of the subordinate Lodges, and report what measures ought to be adopted by the Grand Lodge on the several subjects which have agitated the Fraternity" make report of their proceedings as follows: (For proceedings see report.)

Whereupon, the resolutions reported by the Grand Committee, together with the preamble thereto attached, were considered and adopted by the Grand Lodge.

The Resolutions reported by the Grand Committee and adopted by the Grand Lodge are as follows :

Resolved, that the Grand Lodge is in itself the only true and legitimate source of Masonic Authority, and that while its supremacy over the Craft within the ancient Land Marks is recognized, it is and will be duty of that body to apply efficient and immediate remedies for the grievances under which the subordinate Lodges either do now or hereafter may labour.

Resolved, that the City of Philadelphia is the proper site for the location of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and that it is inexpedient to remove the same.

Resolved, that the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania will renew

their efforts to produce a Grand Convention of Delegates from the different Grand Lodges of the United States, for the purpose of producing a uniformity in the mode of work, and adopting such other measures as may promote the prosperity of the order.

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge will, as soon after next St. John the Evangelist's day as practicable, transmit to the subordinate Lodges an entire and complete exhibit of the state of its finances.

Your Committee would likewise recommend the following provisions to be introduced among the permanent rules and regulations for the government of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

1<sup>st</sup> Proposition. That hereafter no proposition, to increase or diminish the dues of the subordinate Lodges, the fees for Warrants, dispensations, or any services performed by any of the officers of the Grand Lodge, shall be adopted, unless it shall be proposed at a Grand Quarterly Communication, immediate notice thereof given by the Grand Secretary to the subordinate Lodges under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, and adopted at the next or a subsequent Grand Quarterly Communication, and upon the adoption, rejection, modification or other disposition of such proposition, every Member of the Grand Lodge shall be entitled to Vote personally in writing or by proxy specially delegated for that purpose to any Member of the Grand Lodge ; and on such questions any member of the Grand Lodge may (besides his own) give as many Votes as may be delegated to him for that purpose. Provided that no diminution of the dues or contributions, paid by the subordinate Lodges, shall be made until the debt of the Grand Lodge shall have been reduced to the sum of \$40,000 dollars.

2<sup>nd</sup> Proposition. That once in every two years each subordinate Lodge, beyond the City and County of Philadelphia, and within the Commonwealth shall be visited by a Grand Lecturer to be appointed in such manner as the Grand Lodge may hereafter from time to time direct ; that his expenses while attending the Lodges shall be defrayed by them, and

his compensation shall be paid out of the funds of the Grand Lodge, and that the first visitation shall commence in the course of the present year.

3<sup>d</sup> Proposition. That the Past Masters, Worshipful Master and Wardens of any Lodge, which may be two years in arrears to the Grand Lodge, shall not be entitled to sit or Vote in Grand Lodge as Members thereof, until such arrears shall have been paid. Provided that this proposition shall not be carried into effect until after S<sup>t</sup> John's day, in December, 1823.

4<sup>th</sup> Proposition. That the Grand Lodge shall annually furnish to the subordinate Lodges, a statement of its receipts and disbursements, during each year, ending on S<sup>t</sup> John's the Evangelists day.

Resolved, That for the purpose of restoring that harmony and friendly feeling in the great Masonic family of Pennsylvania, which has recently so unhappily been disturbed, the Grand Committee respectfully request the Grand Lodge to adopt a resolution entirely absolving all Lodges and Masons, under its jurisdiction, from any Masonic punishment or censure, to which they may have subjected themselves, in consequence of any part they may have taken in the late unfortunate differences.

On Motion, the Minutes, proceedings and report of the Grand Committee were ordered to be printed, and copies furnished to each of the Lodges, under the Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

On Motion of Brother Dahlgren and Seconded,

Resolved, that the Gas Committee be Authorized to purchase the necessary weights for hanging the Gasometers and to draw on the Grand Treasurer for the Cost which is not however to exceed Eighty two Dollars.

Resolved, that the Gas Committee be instructed forthwith to return to M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Richards 13 Weights of 112 llb. and 72 Weights of 56 llb. borrowed of him 8 May, 1821.

Brother Dahlgren laid on the table the following resolution :

Resolved, that the Committee on Land Marks be instructed to enquire into the expediency of establishing a speedier cir-

culatation (among the Subordinate Lodges) of all rejections and expulsions and to report thereon.

Grand Lodge adjourned in harmony at 10 o'clock, P. M. to meet on the 7 April at 7 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,  
Grand Secretary.

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PHILADELPHIA, Monday, April 7, A. D. 1823, A. L. 5823.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

Bro. JOSIAH RANDALL, R. W. Grand Master.

“ John B. Gibson, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

“ Thomas Kittera, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, P. T.

“ E. T. Weaver, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P. T.

“ George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

“ Thomas Harper, R. W. Grand Treasurer, P. T.

“ Robert Toland, Deputy Grand Secretary.

“ Thomas Jones, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.

“ Adam Cornman, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.

Rev<sup>d</sup>. Bro. William Rogers, Grand Chaplain.

Bro. Anthony Fannen, Grand Marshal, P. T.

“ John Caner, Grand Sword Bearer, P. T.

“ Thomas M. Pettit, Grand Pursuivant, P. T.

“ Samuel F. Bradford, R. W. P. Grand Master.

“ Charles Schneider, Grand Tyler, P. T.

Lodges Nos. 2, 9, 19, 45, 51, 52, 67, 61, 73, 91, 106, 114, 115, 121, 126, 131, 134, 141, 158, 168, 172, 176, 186 and 187 represented.

Twenty Four Lodges being represented Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at 7 o'clock in the Evening.

The Minutes of the adjourned Grand Quarterly Communications of the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> February last were read and approved.

Bro. Thomas Kittera, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, was installed into his office with the usual solemnities.



The R. W. Grand Master stated that on the twentieth day of February last with all due solemnity and according to ancient usage and custom he duly constituted Eastern Star Lodge, N<sup>o</sup>. 186, and Integrity Lodge, N<sup>o</sup>. 187, held in the City of Philadelphia, and installed the Officers into their respective offices.

A Petition was received and read from divers Ancient York Master Masons, praying for a Warrant to hold a Lodge in the Town of Armagh, Indiana County, Pennsylvania, to be called Washington Lodge, and that Brother James Dunn might be the first W. Master; Brother Diemer Bard might be the first S. Warden, and Brother Daniel Tinkeom might be the first J. Warden of the same. Which Petition being in due form and recommended agreeably to the rules and regulations of the Grand Lodge, it was

On Motion and Seconded, Resolved, that the prayer of the Petitioners be granted that Brother Grand Secretary make out a Warrant accordingly and that the same be Numbered 188.

The following Communications, Returns, &c., from Lodges were received and read, viz :

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 21, Harrisburg. A Resolution passed by said Lodge on the 12<sup>th</sup> February last, revoking the Appointment of Brother Randall as their Proxy.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 62, Reading. Election Return.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 84, Somerset. Election Returns of Dec., 1821 and 1822. Also, a Letter relative to the Application made by said Lodge for the remission of certain dues to aid them in the erection of a Masonic Temple, which was ordered to be filed.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 123, Borough of York. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Dues.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 125, Philadelphia. Return of an election held on the 28<sup>th</sup> February last for a Senior Warden and Secretary of said Lodge in the place of Brethren who after being duly elected to said Offices in December last had declined being installed. Whereupon, on Motion, said Election was confirmed.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 128, Philadelphia. Communication of the Sus-

pension of M—— K——, M—— R——, G—— G—— and the expulsion of G—— M<sup>c</sup>L—— for non payment of dues. Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 139, Philadelphia. Reinstatement of J—— G—— and M—— C——.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 141, Halifax. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Dues.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 159, Danville. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Dues.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 160, Philadelphia. Election Return, 1822. Return of Members 1820, 1821 and 1822. Account of Dues, 1820, 1821 and 1822.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 165, Pittsburgh. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Dues.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 180, Jefferson, Greene County. A Copy of the Bye Laws of said Lodge was presented and referred to the Committee on Bye Laws for examination.

Brother Bradford on behalf of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 51, stated that the Senior Warden of said Lodge had resigned, and asked permission for said Lodge to hold an election for Senior Warden and such other officers as might be necessary in case of promotion. Whereupon,

On Motion and Seconded,

Resolved, that Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 51 be authorized to hold an Election for Senior Warden and such other officers as may be necessary in case of promotion.

A Petition was received and read from the Brethren who attended the meeting of the Grand Committee as Delegates from Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 179 praying to be allowed their actual expenses. Whereupon,

On Motion and Seconded,

Resolved, that under existing circumstances it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the Petitioners.

On Motion of Brother Randall and Seconded,

Resolved, that the Grand Treasurer be authorized to pay Brother George A. Baker, Grand Secretary, One Hundred Dollars for extra services during the past and present year.

On Motion of Brother Dahlgren and Seconded,

Resolved, that the Grand Treasurer be authorized to pay

Brother Charles Schneider, Deputy Grand Tyler, Ten Dollars for extra Services.

An Extract from the Minutes of Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 67, held at Philadelphia, was received and read and is as follows :

At a Stated Meeting of Concordia Lodge, N<sup>o</sup> 67, held March 14<sup>th</sup>, A. D. 1823, A. L. 5823.

The Committee to whom was referred the Communication from the R. W. Grand Lodge respecting the Loan from the Trustees of Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 67, made the following report and resolutions, which were read and Unānimosly adopted, Viz :

That after full conference with the Trustees on the Subject, they are unanimously of the opinion that it is *not* expedient to accede to the propositions contained in the Communication referred to them. From the Minutes of the Lodge it appears that Trustees were appointed under the report of the Committee of Ways and Means, to place certain funds of this Lodge at interest, in such manner as should appear to them most advantageous to the Lodge. In pursuance of their appointment and at the instance of the Grand Lodge, a bond was executed by Past Grand Master Newcomb in the penalty of \$8000, conditioned that the Grand Treasurer should receive on interest of 6 per Cent, such Monies as should from time to time accrue in the hands of the Trustees, adding the interest which should arise from the same to the principal yearly, until a sufficient sum should accumulate in his hands to yield interest equal to the yearly dues to the Grand Lodge. This arrangement appears just and advantageous, both to the Grand Lodge and Ourselves ; for while the sum thus procured may be annually applied to the Sinking fund of the Grand Lodge and thus assist in the extinguishing of its debt, it will eventually give to her a permanent security for the dues of this Lodge over which future circumstances can have no influence.

In addition to this reason, it blends the interest of Concordia Lodge with the Grand Lodge in such manner as to secure her fidelity and support by the strongest ties. Nor does Concordia Lodge derive any advantage from the transaction, which she could not easily obtain if the sum thus

loaned to the Grand Lodge were at present in the hands of the Trustees. If the Grand Lodge, however, are dissatisfied with the arrangement, we believe there would be no difficulty made about cancelling the Bond upon repayment to the Trustees, of the principal and interest at present in the hands of the Grand Treasurer. But such is not the proposition of the G. Lodge. She only offers to authorize the R. W. Grand Master to Execute Stock Certificates for the sum already invested. Your Committee are not able to perceive any advantage in this arrangement to either of the parties. For the interest arising yearly from the Stock Certificates might be immediately invested as principal by the Trustees and thus produce the same result in a circuitous manner. If however, the Stock Certificates are to operate as an extinguishment of the Bond, Your Committee conceive this Lodge would relinquish a *superior* for an *inferior* security, and the bond could probably be enforced from the time of its date, but the Certificates only from the present Moment.

But perhaps the principal objections to the present system will be obviated by the probability that there will not be any addition to the loan for a considerable time, and also from the circumstance that this Lodge have now under consideration a proposal that all the contributions of this Lodge to the Grand Lodge shall in future be paid before any Monies are invested by the Trustees.

In consonance with these views your Committee offer the following Resolutions, viz :

1<sup>st</sup>. Resolved, that it is inexpedient to agree to the proposal which was adopted by the Grand Lodge in December last, in relation to the Loans of Concordia Lodge.

2<sup>nd</sup>. Resolved, that the Trustees be directed to cancel the Bond of the Grand Lodge, on the reception of the principal and interest at present due to Concordia Lodge, N<sup>o</sup> 67.

3<sup>rd</sup>. Resolved, that the Grand Secretary be furnished with a Copy of this Report and Resolutions. Extracted from the Minutes.

Attest,      WILLIAM BAKER, Secretary.

(Note by the Secretary.—The proposal herein alluded to

was afterwards adopted by the Lodge, and has become a standing regulation.)

Which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

A Petition was received and read from Jesse C. Horton stating that he had been rejected by Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 159, Danville, and praying the Grand Lodge to appoint a Committee to investigate the matter so as to replace him to his former standing if found worthy, which Petition was recommended by a Number of Members of Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 159.

On Motion said Petition was referred to Brothers Henry H. Kreider of N<sup>o</sup> 100, Robert H. Hammond of N<sup>o</sup> 144 and Galen Jones of N<sup>o</sup> 148 to inquire and make report.

A Petition was received and read from John E. Buchannan applying on behalf of himself and others, late Members of the late Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 85 held at Alexandria, in Huntingdon County, vacated for delinquency 4 April, 1814, for a renewal of the Warrant.

On Motion said Petition was referred to Brother W. R. Smith, to inquire and make report.

A Letter was received and read from Brother Morgan Neville stating that Mr. Price, who has been refused initiation by N<sup>o</sup> 45, was *entered*, *passed* and *raised* in Albany last Summer, as he had travelled thro' New York, since his return had visited the Lodges and was now applying to become a Member of N<sup>o</sup> 165, and asking whether he is to be rejected as a Matter of Course and out of Courtesy to N<sup>o</sup> 45, or is he legally admissible and could N<sup>o</sup> 165 exercise their discretion, Which was referred to Samuel F. Bradford, Michael Nisbet and Tobias Bechler.

The Committee to whom was referred the proceedings of a Number of Masons, assembled at Harrisburg on the 6 January, 1823, made report which was read and is as follows:

The Committee to whom was referred the proceedings of a Convention of Masons held at Harrisburg on the 6<sup>th</sup> of January last,

Respectfully Report,

That they have viewed this Convention with great regret as well on account of the ignorance of Masonic principles in

which it originated, as of the unmasonic proceedings which have *flowed* from it.

This Convocation it would seem has originated in an Error deeply injurious to Masonry, which has been industriously and but too successfully propagated. It has been presumed that a power was known to Masonry superior to that of the G. Lodge, having the right to revise and direct its conduct, and that this power existed in a congregation of Masons delegated from subordinate Lodges at the instance of a subordinate Lodge.

The existence of such a power your Committee emphatically deny, and they flatter themselves that they will have the concurrence of every unprejudiced and dispassionate mind sincerely disposed to preserve unbroken the Land Marks and Usages of the Order.

Your Committee do not propose to enter on a long discussion in support of their position, nor to trouble the G. Lodge with quotations of matter which may be found in every treatise of Masonry, but to understand properly the power of the G. Lodge, it is necessary to advert shortly to the History of its present organization.

Anciently the Craft were without any system permanently organized for its government. Few in Number, confined to distinguished Architects and Operative Masons, occasional assemblies sufficed to communicate its science and to regulate its concerns. But when in the general progress of Arts and Sciences, Masonry attracted the lovers of learning and the friends of humanity, when the noble and the wealthy sought eagerly to be initiated, the society became numerous and consequently ungovernable by its simple form of policy. The institution was threatened with disorder injurious to its peace, its traditions were in danger of being lost or perverted, and the respect of the world was about to be changed for its neglect and contempt.

To provide against these evils it became necessary to vest the power of the order in a body which might avail itself of the wisdom and virtue of all the Brethren, in a body whose energy and character would enable it to punish transgressors,

and to sustain those disposed faithfully to adhere to the principles of the order.

For these purposes the organization of the Grand Lodge, under the Constitution which now governs it, was wisely resolved on by our predecessors in the united Kingdoms of Great Britain and Ireland. In 1717 the G. Lodge of England was Constituted and soon after the G. Lodges of Scotland and Ireland. To these G. Lodges within their respective Jurisdictions was granted the power to constitute all subordinate Lodges and to make such rules and regulations as might be necessary for their government. The Lodges Constituted in the provinces of North America derived their being from these G. Lodges, and continued to acknowledge their authority until after the Declaration of Independence. When G. Lodges were subsequently formed in the several states, the Masons did that only which was fully justified by the Masonic Constitution and they received unbroken and undiminished, all the powers of a primitive G. Lodge.

The power of the Grand Lodge to regulate and direct the labours of the Craft, in all particulars within the Ancient Land Marks, have rarely been disputed; and the cases which exist of resistance to that power, only serve to show that it has been unhesitatingly exercised when deemed necessary. And if new and additional authority were wanting in support of this right, it would be found in the almost unanimous opinion of the late Grand Committee held in the Hall at Philadelphia.

If then to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania belongs the right to constitute subordinate Lodges within her jurisdiction, if her's be the supremacy over the Craft, therein it follows that no Masonic Meeting, whatever name it may assume, can be legal unless warranted or permitted by her, and that all Masons who project or attend such unauthorized meeting violate their solemn promises of allegiance.

In this predicament stood the Members of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 43 at Lancaster as the Authors of the call of the Harrisburg Convention. But they upon consideration, saw and abandoned

their error and rescinded the appointment of the Committee made by that Lodge to attend at that Convention.

In this predicament stand all the Lodges which have sent delegates to, and all the Members who have attended the Harrisburg Convention. All are obnoxious to Masonic punishment, but in different degrees. Such as were ignorant of their duties to the G. Lodge and have sinned unwittingly are reprehensible for precipitancy and want of due consideration only, but those who knew the full extent of the offence involved in disobedience to the G. Lodge, merit in the opinion of your Committee, the highest censure and the severest punishment the order can inflict.

It is not necessary to examine the several resolutions passed at that Convention. The grievances of which it complains have been discussed in Grand Committee, and so far as they have any foundation, will be remedied by the Grand Lodge. But the threat held out by that Convention, that, in case the Grand Lodge should not adopt all the measures recommended, an attempt would be made to form another Grand Lodge from the Lodges under her jurisdiction, must not be passed over in silence.

A convention composed of sixteen delegates from eleven Lodges, of ten unauthorized Members from one of the represented Lodges, of thirteen unauthorized Members from Lodges that had sent no delegate and had not approved of the Convention, and of nine Masons apparently belonging to no Lodge and consequently not contributing Members of the order, A Convention thus composed, have presumed to dictate to the Grand Lodge formed from the representatives of all the subordinate Lodges under her jurisdiction, measures destructive of the universal principles of Masonry under the penalty of revolt, in case of refusal to comply with its illegal behests.

This is a case which requires no comment. It is readily comprehended by every masonic mind to which it is submitted, and produces on all masons mindful of their obligations, but one opinion, that of general reprobation.

Measures like this cry aloud upon the justice of the Grand



Lodge, and were your Committee not of opinion with the Grand Committee, that a conviction of error has already paved the way for a return to Masonic faith and allegiance, it would be their duty to recommend to the G. Lodge, the infliction of exemplary masonic punishment upon the guilty.

But under existing circumstances and in full reliance upon the future faith and obedience of those who have erred, Your Committee offer for adoption of the Grand Lodge the following Resolution :

Resolved, that the Grand Lodge absolve all Lodges and Masons under its Jurisdiction from any Masonic punishment to which they may have subjected themselves by the call, organization or proceedings of the late Convocation of Masons held at Harrisburg on the 6<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup>. last.

JAMES HARPER,  
SAM. F. BRADFORD,  
THO<sup>s</sup>. F. GORDON,  
JOHN BARNES.

Which report and resolution were adopted.

Resolved, that 200 Copies of the said Report be printed, and a Copy furnished to each Lodge under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge.

The Committee appointed to raise by Loan a sum of Money to repair the Gas Apparatus, made report which was read and is as follows :

The Trustees appointed under the resolutions of the R. W. Grand Lodge of 30 April and 1 August last, to collect subscriptions to the amount of \$2000 on loan for the purpose of repairing the Gas Establishment,

Respectfully Report, That they have attended to the duty enjoined upon them and that the amount authorized has been collected and paid over to the Committee appointed by R. W. Grand Lodge for the purpose of repairing the Gas Establishment, they therefore beg leave to offer the following resolution :

Resolved, that the R. W. Grand Master be and he is hereby authorized and respectfully requested to convey to the

Trustees of the Gas Loan, the Apparatus of the Gas Establishment in the manner prescribed in the resolution of 30 April last. Philadelphia, Feb<sup>y</sup>. 3, 1823.

ROB. TOLAND, } Trustees.  
J. McALPIN, }

Which report and resolution were adopted.

Brother Henry Harrison, one of the Trustees of the Gas Loan, having departed this life since the last Meeting of the Grand Lodge, the R. W. Grand Master appointed Brother William Boyd to fill the Vacancy.

The following reports from the Committee on Finance were presented, read and adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penn<sup>a</sup>. :

The Committee on Finance report that on examining the within account of the Grand Secretary for the first quarter of 1823 and comparing it with the Vouchers accompanying it, they find the same correct, leaving a balance of twenty eight dollars and 70 Cents due to the Grand Secretary on 31<sup>st</sup> March, 1823.

Respectfully submitted,

BERNARD DAHLGREN,  
WILLIAM PAGE,  
ROB. TOLAND.

Philad<sup>a</sup>. 5 April, 1823.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

The Committee on Finance Report,

That on examining the above account of the Grand Secretary for the payment of Interest on the Masonic Loans for the first quarter of 1823 and comparing it with the Vouchers, they find the same to be correct, leaving a balance of Two hundred and seven Dollars unpaid remaining in Girard's Bank on the 31<sup>st</sup> March, 1823.

All which is respectfully submitted.

BERNARD DAHLGREN,  
WILLIAM PAGE,  
ROB. TOLAND.

Philadelphia,  
5 April, 1823.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

The Committee on Finance, Report, that on examining the within Account of the Grand Treasurer, for the first quarter of 1823, and comparing it with the Vouchers accompanying it, they find the same correct, leaving a balance of Seven hundred and thirty eight Dollars and 28 cts. due to the Grand Lodge on the 31 March, 1823.

All which is respectfully submitted.

BERNARD DAHLGREN,  
WILLIAM PAGE,  
ROB. TOLAND.

Philadelphia,  
5 April, 1823.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

The Committee on Finance, report, That on examining the within Account of the Hall Committee for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 1823, and comparing it with the Vouchers accompanying it, they find the same to be correct, leaving a balance of Fifty Five Dollars and 54 cts. due to the Grand Lodge on the 31<sup>st</sup> March, 1823.

All which is respectfully submitted.

BERNARD DAHLGREN,  
WILLIAM PAGE,  
ROB. TOLAND,

Philadelphia,  
5 April, 1823.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

The Committee on Finance, Report, that they have examined the within Account of the late Gas Committee and compared it with the Vouchers accompanying it and find the same correct, leaving a balance of One hundred and seventeen dollars and 92 cts. due to the Grand Lodge on the 31<sup>st</sup> March, 1823.

All which is respectfully submitted.

BERNARD DAHLGREN,  
WILLIAM PAGE,  
ROB. TOLAND.

Philadelphia,  
April 5, 1823.

By Lodge dues,	.	.	.	.	\$2023.
“ Rent V. Guillou,	.	.	.		\$775.
“ “ Medical Society,	.	.			225.
				<u>          </u>	1000.

## By Gas Establishment,

Gas sold last year, . . . .	\$98.04	
do " this year, . . . .	139.83	
Balance of the acc <sup>t</sup> of the Committee to repair the Works, . . . .	22.86	
	<hr/>	260.73
" Dispensations, . . . . .		57.87
" Warrants, . . . . .		162.
" G. L. Certificates, . . . . .		4.
" Incidental, . . . . .		5.
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Total Receipts, . . . .		<u>\$3512.60</u>

*Payments.*

Debts contracted in former years.

W <sup>m</sup> . Rush for carved figures by Resolu- tion of G. Lodge, . . . .	\$44.
W <sup>m</sup> . Schneider's Salary, . . . .	37.50
do Tyling, . . . .	19.
Rob. De Silver, stationery, . . . .	36.29
A. M. Prevost, Stoves, . . . .	493.47
Tho <sup>s</sup> . S. Manning, Printing, . . . .	132.03
I. C. Stocker, Weights, &c., . . . .	111.
E. T. Weaver, Jewel, . . . .	5.
McCorkle and H. Advert <sup>s</sup> , . . . .	8.27
Gas Establishment, Weights, . . . .	41.25
S. P. Barbier, Stove Ornament, . . . .	21.
Late Gas Committee, . . . .	15.64

## For the service of 1823.

Interest, . . . . .	\$2826.
G. Secretary's salary, . . . .	162.50
Printing, . . . . .	42.24
Stationery, . . . . .	7.87
Postages, . . . . .	15.89
Gas Committee, . . . . .	120.31
Hall Committee, . . . . .	97.83
Expenses Grand Committee, . . . .	40.
Discount on Bank Notes, . . . .	4.
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	\$3316.64

Total payments, . . . . \$4281.09

Balance in the Treasury, 27 Dec., 1822, .	.	\$1793.91
do . do 31 Mar., 1823, .	.	1025.42

Respectfully submitted.

Philadelphia, April 5, 1823.

BERNARD DAHLGREN.

WILLIAM PAGE.

ROB. TOLAND.

The Committee to whom was referred the Account of John Sarchet made report which was read and is as follows :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penns<sup>a</sup> :

The above Committee after due examination, beg leave to offer the following Resolution :

Resolved, that the Grand Treasurer be authorized to pay John Sarchet's bill for fitting stoves, &c., dated 25 Dec., 1822, amounting to One hundred eighteen Dollars and 15 Cents.

Respectfully submitted.

BERNARD DAHLGREN,	} Committee.
GEO. H. BURGIN,	
JOHN W. HARRIS,	

Philad<sup>a</sup>. 14<sup>th</sup>

March, 1823.

Which report was adopted.

The following report from the Gas Committee was received and read :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penn<sup>a</sup> :

The Gas Committee respectfully reports,

That in compliance with the within Resolution he has purchased for the Gas Establishment the necessary weights and has drawn on the Grand Treasurer for the Cost of the same, forty one dollars and 25 Cents, and further that he has returned to M<sup>r</sup>. Sam<sup>l</sup>. Richards all the weights heretofore borrowed from him by the former Gas Committée, whose receipt is herewith surrendered to the Grand Lodge.

He begs leave to conclude by offering the following resolution :

Resolved, that the Gas Committee be discharged from further duty in relation to the subject matter referred to him on the 3<sup>d</sup> instant.

Respectfully submitted.

Philadelphia, March 25, 1823.

GEORGE H. BURGIN, Gas Com<sup>tee</sup>.

Which report and resolution were adopted.

The Committee on finance to whom was referred the Application from Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 84, soliciting to be released from the payment of certain dues to aid them in the erection of a Masonic Temple made report, which was read and is as follows :

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

The Committee on finance to whom was referred the foregoing Application,

Respectfully Report,

That they have considered the same and beg leave to offer the following resolution :

Resolved, that the whole income of the Grand Lodge, after deducting the necessary expenses being by a public act solemnly pledged to the payment of the interest and the gradual redemption of the Masonic Loans, it is not in the power of this Grand Lodge to remit dues until said Loans shall have been paid off, which it is now ascertained will be effected in a few years, if Masonry should continue to flourish, as at present, and the Lodges exert themselves to discharge their dues punctually.

Philadelphia, 5 April, 1823.

BERNARD DAHLGREN.

WILLIAM PAGE.

ROB. TOLAND.

Which report and resolution were adopted.

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred the Account of the Committee appointed to repair the Gas Works, made report which was read and is as follows :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penn<sup>a</sup> :

The Committee on Finance respectfully report, That they

have examined the Account of the Committee for reconstructing the Gas factory and compared it with the vouchers and found the same to be correct.

Respectfully submitted.

Philadelphia, 3 March, 1823.

BERNARD DAHLGREN,  
WM. MAYWEG,  
WILLIAM PAGE,  
ROB. TOLAND.

Which report was adopted.

The report of the Committee appointed to repair the Gas Works, read on the 3<sup>rd</sup> February and laid on the Table, was taken up for consideration, read and is as follows:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

The Committee appointed to repair the Gas Works, respectfully report,

That they have finished that duty in the best manner their limited means and judgment have admitted of. They have to state that after the works were again in operation, the part of the roof contiguous to the Chimney took fire in consequence of a crack in the Chimney, of which they had no previous knowledge; happily no damage was suffered. All the wood-work within a certain distance of the Chimney was then removed and no further danger is now apprehended, until a milder season will admit of the construction of a new Chimney on a plan better calculated for the emission of a strong column of fire, which Brother Burgin, the present Gas Committee has undertaken to do; in order to furnish him with the necessary means, Your Committee have transferred to him 2471 lbs. of Sheet iron remaining on hand from the former Gasholders, the proceeds of which, together with \$22.86, the balance of Account paid over to him, it is believed will be amply sufficient to accomplish that object as well as the consequent alteration of the furnace.

Your Committee beg leave to present their account with accompanying Vouchers, and offer the following resol:

Resolved, that the Committee appointed on the first of



August last to repair the Gas Works be and they are hereby discharged from further duty.

Respectfully submitted by

THOMAS HARPER, }  
GEO. H. BURGIN, } Committee.  
JOHN W. HARRIS, }

Philadelphia,

1 Feb., 1823.

Which report and resolutions were adopted.

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of T—— B. S——, rejected by Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 139, in the year 1814, made report which was read, amended, adopted as amended and is as follows :

To the R. W. G. Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

The Committee appointed on the Petition of T—— B. S—— in September last beg leave to report, that they have attended to that duty and find him unworthy.

They therefore offer the following Resolution :

Resolved, that the Petitioner have leave to withdraw his Petition and that the Committee be discharged.

THOMAS HARPER, }  
EMMOR T. WEAVER, } Committee.  
JOHN KENWORTHY, }

Phila., April

7, 1823.

The Committee to whom were referred on the 24<sup>th</sup> December last, sundry Communications in the Spanish Language made report which was read and is as follows :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

The Committee to whom was referred a Petition from J—— M—— R——, appealing from a Vote of suspension, by which he was excluded for four Months from Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 181, held at Santiago de Cuba,

Respectfully report,

That the time for which Brother R—— was suspended had

expired before his appeal was presented to the Grand Lodge. But that it may be necessary out of respect to the brother's feelings and character to investigate the subject of his petition, They therefore recommend that it be referred to a Committee at or near St<sup>t</sup> Jago, who would be enabled to collect upon the Spot, the information necessary to form a correct opinion on the subject.

Your Committee offer the following resolution :

Resolved, that the Committee on the petition of Brother J—— M—— R—— be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

T. B. FREEMAN, } Committee.  
J. W. MURRAY, }

Philadelphia,

April 7<sup>th</sup>, 1822.

Which report and resolution were adopted.

On Motion, said Petition was referred to the W. Master, Senior and Junior Wardens of Lodge No<sup>o</sup> 175, held at St<sup>t</sup> Jago to inquire and make report.

On Motion and Seconded,

Resolved, that in pursuance of a resolution adopted by this Grand Lodge on the third day of March last, Brother James W. Murray be appointed Grand Lecturer for the present year.

Resolved, that the compensation of the Grand Lecturer be fixed by the R. W. Grand Master.

Communications were received and read from the following Grand Lodges and ordered to be deposited among the Archives of the Grand Lodge.

From the Grand Lodge of Lower Canada, containing the names of the Grand Officers thereof for the present year, &c.

From the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, containing the Names of the Grand Officers thereof for the present year, &c. ; also, a report on the proposition for the establishment of a General Grand Lodge of the United States, to which is annexed the following Resolution: Resolved, that in the opinion of this Grand Lodge, it is neither necessary or expedient to adopt any measures which will have a tendency to establish a General Grand Lodge of the United States.

From the Grand Lodge of New York, containing an Alphabetical List of Expulsions and Suspensions communicated by the subordinate Lodges and Foreign Grand Lodges to said Grand Lodge. Also, communication of the Suspension of E—— W——, late Grand Visitor of the 2<sup>nd</sup> District, for 10 years from 5 March, 1823.

From the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, containing an Account of their proceedings in November, 1822; also, a Communication disapproving of the establishment of a General Grand Lodge of the United States, but approving of a Convention of Delegates, to meet either in New York or Philadelphia, when seven Lodges shall unite in sending them and Appointing Delegates to attend the same.

From the Grand Lodge of Maryland, containing therein proceedings in November and December, 1822, a report on the proposed establishment of a General Grand Lodge in which is the following resolve: Resolved Unanimously, by the Grand Lodge of Maryland in Grand Communication assembled, that it is inexpedient to establish a General Grand Lodge of the United States.

From the Grand Lodge Mississippi, containing an Account of their proceedings between the 4 Monday in January, 5819, and the 1 Monday in January, 5822 with a resolve, That in their opinion it is not expedient for the general interest of Free Masonry, to constitute a General Grand Lodge of the United States. Also, the Names and Signatures of the Grand Officers of the said Grand Lodge for the present year.

The Resolution laid on the Table by Brother Dahlgren on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March was taken up for consideration, amended and adopted as follows:

Resolved, that the Committee on Land Marks be instructed to enquire into the expediency of establishing a speedier circulation (among the Grand and Subordinate Lodges) of all rejections and expulsions and to report thereon.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at 10 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,  
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, June 2, A. D. 1823, A. L. 5823.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

BRO. JOSIAH RANDALL, R. W. Grand Master.

“ James Harper, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, P. T.

“ Emmor T. Weaver, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, P. T.

“ Charles Stout, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P. T.

“ George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

“ Anthony Fannen, R. W. Grand Treasurer, P. T.

“ Nathan R. Potts, Deputy Grand Secretary.

“ Joseph R. Hopkins, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.

“ Edward King, Junior Grand Deacon.

Rev<sup>d</sup>. Bro. William Rogers, Grand Chaplain.

Bro. David Moody, Grand Sword Bearer, P. T.

“ John Uhle, Grand Marshal, P. T.

“ T. M. Pettit, Grand Pursuivant, P. T.

“ Samuel F. Bradford, R. W. P. Grand Master.

“ Bayse Newcomb, R. W. P. Grand Master.

“ William Schneider, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 3, 9, 19, 45, 51, 52, 59, 67, 73, 91, 114, 115, 121, 123, 126, 127, 128, 131, 106, 134, 139, 104, 141, 158, 168, 172, 176, 187 and 186 represented.

Twenty Nine Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at 7 o'clock in the Evening.

The Minutes of the last Grand Quarterly and adjourned Grand Quarterly Communications were read and approved.

A Petition was received and read from a Number of Brethren Ancient York Master Masons praying for a Warrant to hold a Lodge in Wellsboro, Tioga County, to be called Cement Lodge, and that Brother Samuel W. Morris, might be the first Master ; Brother Elijah Stiles, the first Senior Warden, and Brother William Hill, the first Junior Warden of the same. Which Petition being in due form and recommended agreeably to the rules and regulations of the Grand Lodge, it was on Motion and Seconded,

Resolved, that the prayer of the Petition be granted, that Brother Grand Secretary make out a Warrant accordingly and that the same be Numbered 189.

A Petition was received and read from J—— R——, appealing from a Vote of expulsion passed against him by Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 156, held at Chestnut Level, Lancaster County, for non payment of dues, which was referred to Brothers Joel Lightner, Molton C. Rogers and James Buchannan to enquire and make report.

A Petition was received and read from J. D. Y——, who was rejected by Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 139, in the year 1815, praying the Grand Lodge to take such steps as they in their wisdom may seem fit, so that he may be reinstated in his former standing, and be at liberty again to make application to a Lodge for admission. Which was referred to Brothers John Barnes, William Weaver and John Steele, junior, to enquire and make report.

A Petition was received and read from P—— G——, who was rejected by Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 91, praying the Grand Lodge to investigate fully the causes of his rejection, so that he might be restored to his former standing should he be found worthy. Which was referred to Brothers Anthony Fannen, Henry Benner and Joseph R. Hopkins to inquire and make report.

An Account was received from Thomas S. Manning for printing done for the Grand Committee and for printing the proceedings of the Grand Committee, amounting to \$61.29, which was referred to the Committee on Finance to enquire and make report.

An Account was received from John Binns, Amounting to \$6.67 for advertising Meetings of the Grand Lodge in the Year 1822. Whereupon,

On Motion and Seconded,

Resolved, that the Grand Treasurer be authorized to pay John Binns \$6.67 for advertising meetings of the Grand Lodge in the year 1822.

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of sundry Members of the late Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 22, held at Sunbury, praying for the revival of the Warrant of said Lodge made report which was read and is as follows :

To the R. W. G. M., Officers and Brethren of the G. Lodge of Pennsy<sup>a</sup>. :

The Committee to whom was referred the Communication of certain Members of the late Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 22, held at Sunbury, beg leave to report,

That they have attended to the business assigned to them and while they admit the necessity of doing something for their relief, they think the G. L. cannot consistently with the rights of others, grant the entire request of those Members who have signed the communication. The signers require that the Warrant should be revived in the name and in favour of themselves to the exclusion of other Members of the Lodge. This request has grown out of various causes as set forth by the Petitioners (to wit) their being involved in considerable arrears to the G. L., the death and absence of many of their Members, their total inability to pay, and their being without any regularly installed officers during the past year. It would be a violation of the rights of any other Member who may have paid up his dues and against whom no cause of Complaint exists, to exclude such Members in the revival of the Warrant ; at the same time the Committee are of opinion that it would be impossible for the few remaining Members to pay off the whole arrears of the Lodge. As the Means of relieving the present Members and preserving the rights of all who are Members and not delinquents at present, they offer the following resolution :

Resolved, that all those who are at present Members of Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 22, and who shall on or before the Grand Quarterly Communication in September next, pay up the whole of their arrears and against whom no just cause of expulsion exists, be and they hereby are reinstated in all their Masonic rights and privileges.

Resolved, that the Warrant of the late Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 22, be and the same is hereby revived, and that they be authorized to hold an election and instal their officers on S<sup>t</sup>. John's day next.

SAM<sup>L</sup>. F. BRADFORD,  
JAMES HARPER,  
MICHAEL NISBET.

Philadelphia,  
January 31, 1823.

Which Report and Resolutions were adopted.

A second Petition was received and read from Brother John E. Buchanan and others praying for the revival of the Warrant of Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 85, which was referred to Brother William R. Smith to enquire.

The Committee to whom was referred the Complaint against Philip Duffield made report which was read, but no resolution being attached to the report for the Grand Lodge to act on, the report was on Motion re-committed to a select Committee, consisting of Brothers Thomas F. Gordon, D. E. Wilson and Robert Toland.

The Committee to whom was referred the Communication from Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 181, made report which was read and is as follows :

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

The Committee to whom were referred a communication from Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 181, at S<sup>t</sup>. Jago de Cuba, respectfully report,

That the Communication referred to consists of a Letter to the G. L. from Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 181, acknowledging the receipt of its Warrant and accompanied by a Copy of the Minutes of the Meeting at which the Lodge was constituted. A regular return has already been made to the Authority Given to Constitute the Lodge, and is filed among the Archives of this R. W. Grand Lodge. Your committee are of opinion that the same destination should be given to the papers referred to them, which requires no answer. They therefore offer the following resolution :

Resolved, that the Communication from Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 181, "La verdadera Philanthropia" together with the accompanying papers be filed among the Archives of the G. L.

Respectfully submitted by

JOSEPH S. LEWIS, } Committee.  
J. W. MURRAY, }

Which Report was adopted.

The Committee on Bye Laws made report on the amendment to the Bye Laws of Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 51, which was read and is as follows :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

The Committee on Bye Laws to whom was referred an

alteration in the Bye Laws of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 51, held at Philadelphia,

Respectfully Report,

That they have examined the same and recommend its adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE A. BAKER, } Committee.  
NATH<sup>n</sup>. R. POTTS, }

Phila<sup>a</sup>. 27 May, 1823.

Which Report was adopted.

The Committee on Bye Laws made report on the amendments to the Bye Laws of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 69, which was read and is as follows :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

The Committee on Bye Laws to whom were referred for examination sundry amendments to the Bye Laws of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 69, held at Chester,

Respectfully Report,

That they have carefully examined the same and recommend their adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE A. BAKER, } Committee.  
NATH<sup>n</sup>. R. POTTS, }

Phila<sup>a</sup>. 27 May, 1823.

Which report was adopted.

The Committee on Bye Laws made report on the Bye Laws of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 180, which was read and is as follows :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

The Committee on Bye Laws to whom were referred for examination the Bye Laws of "Eaton Lodge, N<sup>o</sup>. 180," held at Jefferson in Greene County,

Respectfully Report,

That they have deliberately examined the Code of Laws submitted to them and compared the provisions thereof with the rules, regulations and usages of this Grand Lodge, and of the different Subordinate Lodges as approved and sanctioned



by the Grand Lodge at different periods, and find so many Omissions and deviations therefrom, that to make them consistent therewith it will be necessary to alter almost every article and to substitute several new ones.

Your Committee have therefore come to the conclusion to recommend the G. Lodge to refer them back to Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 180, for revision, and to request the Grand Secretary to transmit therewith a Copy of the Bye Laws of several Lodges for their examination and consideration.

They therefore offer the following Resolution :

Resolved, that the said Bye Laws be returned to Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 180, and that they be furnished by the Grand Secretary with the Bye Laws of several Lodges approved by the Grand Lodge.

All which is respectfully submitted.

GEORGE A. BAKER, }  
NATH<sup>N</sup>. R. POTTS, } Committee.

Philadelphia,

May 27, 1823.

Which Report was adopted.

The Committee on Bye Laws made report on the Bye Laws of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 183, which was read and is as follows :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

The Committee on Bye Laws to whom were referred the Bye Laws of Farmers Lodge, N<sup>o</sup>. 183, held at Tredyffring Township, Chester County

Respectfully Report,

That they have carefully examined the same and recommend the following alterations and amendments :

In Article 1<sup>st</sup> after the words 12 o'clock, Strike out the Letter *P*.

Strike out the word "*night*" wherever it occurs, either in the Bye Laws or rules of order, and insert "*day*."

In Article 3 after the word "*of*" in the first line insert "*being initiated into the Mysteries of Free Masonry*."

Article 17, to be altered so as to read as follows : That no Brother shall be admitted as a Visitor, unless by Motion

regularly made, seconded and carried for such admission, provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent such Motion being founded on the Voucher of a single Brother either a Member or a Visitor. The Master for the time being having at all times power to admit such Brethren as he can Vouch for. If no such Voucher can be had the Master shall direct a Committee to examine him, and on their reporting him to be an A. Y. Mason he may be admitted. And that they be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE A. BAKER, } Committee.  
NATH<sup>N</sup>. R. POTTS, }

Philadelphia,

May 27, 1823.

Which report was adopted.

The Bye Laws of Lodges N<sup>o</sup>. 45, 106, 186 and 187 was presented and referred to the Committee on Bye Laws for examination.

Two Letters were received and read from Bro. James Dunn, stating that the Brethren to whom the Warrant was granted to hold a Lodge at Armagh were at present unable to pay for the same, but think that the amount can be made up by October next, and requesting the Grand Lodge either to grant them Letters of Dispensation to enable them to meet as a Lodge, or to let them have the Warrant on a Credit if agreeable to the rules of the Grand Lodge.

On Motion, said Letters were ordered to be laid on the table and the Grand Secretary directed to inform the Brethren that the Warrant cannot be forwarded until the fees be paid according to the regulations of the Grand Lodge.

Brother Dahlgren offered the following Resolutions:

Resolved, that when this Grand Lodge adjourns it adjourn until the     day of     for the purpose of acting upon a report of the Committee on the new system of government of R. A. Masonry.

Resolved, that the report of the Committee above alluded to, be printed and distributed among the Members of the

Grand Lodge previous to the next adjourned Meeting of the Grand Lodge.

On Motion, the consideration of the said Resolutions was postponed.

Grand Lodge adjourned at 10 o'clock, P. M. to meet again on Monday the 16<sup>th</sup> instant at 7 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,  
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, June 16, A. D. 1823, A. L. 5823.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

Bro. JOSIAH RANDALL, R. W. Grand Master.

- " Thomas Kittera, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
- " Bernard Dahlgren, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
- " John Steele, jun., R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
- " George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
- " Anthony Fannen, R. W. Grand Treasurer.
- " John Uhle, Deputy Grand Secretary.
- " Jos. W. Rowland, Senior Grand Deacon.
- " Charles S. Cox, Junior Grand Deacon.
- " George Beatty, Grand Sword Bearer.
- " John Curry, Grand Marshal.
- " Sam. H. Perkins, Grand Pursuivant.
- " William Schneider, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 9, 45, 130, 51, 52, 59, 67, 73, 91, 127, 131, 141, 172, 176, 186 and 187 represented.

Sixteen Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at 8 o'clock in the Evening.

The following Returns, &c., from Lodges were presented and read, viz :

Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 21, Harrisburg. Election Return. Account of Dues. Return of Members, containing the expulsion of G—— A—— and A—— K——, the Suspension of G——

F——, J—— F——, G—— H——, W—— N. I——,  
J—— M——, J—— R——, N—— S—— and G——  
S—— and the rejection of P—— C. N—— and W—— H.  
R——.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 45, Pittsburg. Account of Dues. Return of Members, containing the Suspension of J—— J——, Farmer, G—— B——, S—— T——, J—— L——, Printer, and J—— McF—— for non payment of dues.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 51, Philadelphia. Return of Election of Senior and Junior Wardens.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 61, Wilkesbarre. Return of Members of 27 Dec., 1818. Account of Dues, Dec., 1815, 1818 and 1819.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 62, Reading. Election Returns 1821 and 1822. Accounts of Dues 1821 and 1822. Return of Members 1821 and 1822, containing the rejection of G—— P——, J—— W——, D—— K. W——, A—— G——, A—— K——, H—— B. S—— and J—— R——; also, the expulsion of J—— L——, P—— H—— and J—— N—— for non payment of dues and of G—— R—— for gross unmasonic conduct.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 66, Morgantown, Berks County. Election Return. Accounts of Dues, 1818, 1821 and 1822. Returns of Members, 1821 and 1822, containing the expulsion of J—— B—— and N—— S——.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 75, Chester County. Accounts of Dues, 1821 and 1822. Returns of Members, containing the expulsion of J—— C—— and the rejection of J—— T—— and J—— P. F——.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 100, Bloomsberry. Election Returns, 1820 and 1821. Accounts of Dues, 1821 and 1822, containing the rejection of W—— C——.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 104, New Holland. Communication of the removal of said Lodge on the 30<sup>th</sup> September, 1822, to the Village of New Holland in Lancaster County. Accounts of Dues, December 27, 1820, 1821 and 1822.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 107, Kaskaskia. Account of Dues from 27 Dec., 1813 to 27 Dec., 1822. Return of Members for same period, containing the expulsion of J—— A. B——, for non pay-

ment of Dues, and of W—— B——, J—— G—— and T—— C. P—— for unmasonic conduct. A Statement of the delinquent Members with the Amount respectively due by them. A Communication containing a statement of the past and present situation of the Lodge, the pecuniary embarrassments under which it labours, their desire that the Grand Lodge would give them a credit for \$192.21 dues of delinquent members which they have actually never received nor can expect, as appears by the above mentioned statement, their intention to close all accounts with the Grand Lodge up to St<sup>t</sup> John the Evangelists day last and to remit the same as early as possible. They also inform of the establishment of a Grand Lodge in the State of Illinois and ask for permission to surrender their present Charter when they may deem it expedient to take a new one under the Grand Lodge of Illinois and to retain all their Jewells and Furniture for the use of the new Lodge.

On Motion and Seconded, the said Communication together with the Statement of the delinquent Members were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 127, Philadelphia. Communication of the reinstatement of Nicholas Daly, George P. Davis and Daniel Culvan by said Lodge.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 131, Philadelphia. Election Returns. Account of Dues. Return of Members.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 143, Chambersburg. Communication of the expulsion of H—— C—— and J—— F—— for non payment of dues and the suspension of J—— M. M—— for non payment of dues.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 150, Troy. Account of Dues. Return of Members, containing the rejection of I—— B——. A Letter from the Secretary of said Lodge was read stating the pecuniary embarrassments of the Lodge, that they were not in condition to remit their dues and ask the indulgence of the Grand Lodge to an extent which it might deem commensurate with their limited means.

On Motion, said Letter was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 164, Washington. Return of Members, containing the rejection of T—— P——, N—— S—— and W—— S——; also, the expulsion of G—— D. R—— and J—— F——.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 170, Williamsport, Washington County. Election Returns, 1821 and 1822. Account of Dues, 1821 and 1822.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 171, Pottstown. Communication of the removal of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 171, from Pugh Town to Pottsgrove.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 178, Huntingdon. Account of Dues.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 185, Braintrim, Luzerne County. Return to Dispensation to Constitute said Lodge, whereby it appeared that the said Lodge was duly constituted on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1823.

The following Communications from Grand Lodges were received and read and ordered to be deposited among the Archives of the Grand Lodge.

From the Grand Lodge of Maine, containing an Account of their proceedings in July, 1822 and January, 1823, also the Names and Signatures of the Grand Officers thereof.

From the Grand Lodge of Maryland, containing an Account of their proceedings in the Month of May, 1823.

From the Grand Lodge of Virginia, containing an Account of their proceedings in the Month of December, 1822, in which there is a resolution in the words following: Resolved, by the Grand Lodge of Virginia, That the formation of a National or Supreme Grand Lodge for the United States is inexpedient.

From the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, containing an Account of their proceedings from July 1818 to November, 1821.

From the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, in which it is Resolved, that the establishment of a General Grand Lodge of the United States, and the calling a Masonic Convention for the purpose of instituting and organizing the same, as proposed, is in the opinion of this Grand Lodge unnecessary and unadvisable.

From the Grand Lodge of Georgia, containing the Names and Signatures of the Grand Officers thereof.

From the Grand Lodge of Ohio, containing their proceedings in the Month of January, 1823.

From the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, containing the Names of the Grand Officers, &c., for the present year, also the Signatures of the Grand Officers.

A Letter was received and read from T—— M. H—— relative to his expulsion by Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 115, and was referred to Brothers William Rogers, Jos. W. Rowland and Charles S. Cox to inquire and make report.

A Letter was received and read from Robert Richardson, P. M. of N<sup>o</sup> 169, requesting to be paid his travelling expenses amounting to Ten Dollars, for attending as Member of the Committee on the trial of N<sup>o</sup> 104 and Brother Bouden, Which was ordered to be laid on the Table.

Grand Lodge adjourned in Harmony at 9 o'clock, P. M. to meet on the First Saturday in August next at 7 o'clock in the Evening.

GEORGE A. BAKER,

Grand Secretary.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST'S DAY, Philadelphia, Tuesday, June 24, A. D. 1823, A. L. 5823.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand General Communication.

Present :

BRO. JOSIAH RANDALL, R. W. Grand Master.

“ Bernard Dahlgren, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, P. T.

“ Thomas P. McMahon, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P. T.

“ George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

“ Anthony Fannen, R. W. Grand Treasurer, P. T.

“ John Steele, jun., Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.

“ John Banks, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.

“ Charles A. Droz, Grand Pursuivant, P. T.

“ William Schneider, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 9, 45, 51, 52, 67, 72, 73, 127, 131, 134, 141, 158, 160, 172 and 176 represented.

Fifteen Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

The following Communication, Returns, &c., from Lodges were presented and read, viz :

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 21, held at Harrisburg. A Letter from the W. Master, dated 14 June, 1813, giving a particular account of the situation of the Lodge and requesting Counsel and advice in the business for their future government. Which was referred to the Grand Secretary to give an appropriate answer.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 25, held at Bristol. Election Returns for several years. Account of Dues. Return of Members, containing the expulsion of J—— P——, J—— M——, W—— W. W—— and R—— J——.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 64, Greensburg. Account of Dues. Return of Members, containing the expulsion R—— S——.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 70, Tioga Point. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Dues.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 84, Somerset. Account of Dues. Return of Members, containing the suspension for non payment of Dues of G—— F——, J—— S. S——, J—— C——, A—— O——, jun., A—— S——, G—— L——, C—— R——, T—— G——, J—— R——, S—— M<sup>c</sup>A——, J—— J——, unmasonic conduct, and the expulsion of J—— M—— and J—— M<sup>c</sup>C—— for non payment of dues.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 113, held at Pittsburg. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Dues.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 119, Hartford Township, Susquehanna C<sup>y</sup>. Election Returns for several years. Return of Members. Account of Dues. Also, a Communication dated 7<sup>th</sup> June, 1823, giving a particular Account of the situation of the Lodge and asking for time to collect their dues, &c. Which was referred to the Grand Secretary to give an appropriate answer.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 134, Philadelphia. Election Return. Account of Dues. Return of Members, containing the expulsion of E. L——.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 145, Wilkinsburg. Election Return. Returns of



Members, 1819 and 1822. Also, a Letter from the W. Master which was referred to the Grand Secretary to answer.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 151, Allentown. Account of Dues. Return of Members, containing the expulsion of J—— K—— and J—— A. N——.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 156, Chestnut Level. Election Returns for several years. Accounts of Dues, 1821 and 1822. Returns of Members, 1821 and 1822. Also, a Letter from the W. Master which was referred to the Grand Secretary to answer.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 164, Washington. Account of Dues. Also, a Letter from the Secretary which was referred to the Grand Secretary to answer.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 169, Columbia. Election Returns, 1821 and 1822. Returns of Members, 1821 and 1822, containing the rejection of C—— W. P——. Account of Dues for 1822. Also, a Letter from the W. Master which was referred to the Grand Secretary to answer.

A Petition was received and read from Brother Christian Keesey relative to his Complaint against Philip Duffield, which was referred to the Committee to whom was recommended on the second instant the report on the same subject.

A Communication was received and read from a Committee appointed on the 6 May, 1823, by the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia "to draft and transmit an address to the respective Grand Lodges of the United States, inviting their renewed attention to the subject of a General Grand Lodge for the United States and requesting them to appoint delegates to meet in Convention at the City of Washington, on the third Wednesday of February next, with authority to adopt such measures as may be deemed most expedient for the accomplishment of this subject."

On Motion and Seconded,

Resolved, that the said Communication be referred to a Committee of Nine.

The R. W. Grand Master appointed the following Brethren on said Committee: Samuel F. Bradford, James Harper, William Rogers, George A. Baker, Bernard Dahlgren, Michael

Nisbet, George M. Dallas, Richard Povall and Edward King.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at 11 o'clock, A. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER.

Grand Secretary.

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PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, A. D. 1823, A. L. 5823.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

Bro. JAMES HARPER, R. W. Grand Master, P. T.

“ Joseph R. Hopkins, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, P. T.

“ Joseph W. Rowland, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P. T.

“ George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

“ Nathan R. Potts, Deputy Grand Secretary.

“ Charles Stout, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.

“ George Blackford, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.

Rev<sup>d</sup>. Bro. William Rogers, Grand Chaplain.

Bro. T. B. Freeman, Grand Sword Bearer, P. T.

“ Alva Mason, Grand Marshal, P. T.

“ Adam Cornman, jun., Grand Pursuivant, P. T.

“ Charles Schneider, Grand Tyler, P. T.

Lodges Nos. 19, 45, 51, 52, 67, 71, 72, 73, 102, 114, 127, 128, 130, 131, 141, 155, 165, 176 and 187 represented.

Nineteen Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in form at 7½ o'clock in the Evening.

A Petition was received and read from divers Ancient York Master Masons praying for a Warrant to hold a Lodge in the Borough of Norristown, in the County of Montgomery, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to be called “Charity Lodge, N<sup>o</sup>. ” and that Brother Alexander Moore, jun., might be the first W. Master; Brother James H. Webb, the first Senior Warden, and Brother John Heist, the first Junior Warden of the same. Which Petition being in due form and recommended agreeably to the rules and regulations of the Grand Lodge, it was

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that the prayer of the Petition be granted that Brother Grand Secretary make out a Warrant accordingly and that the same be Numbered 190.

The Committee on Finance made sundry Reports which were read and adopted and are as follows, to wit:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

The Committee on Finance report,

That on examining the within Account of the Grand Secretary for the second quarter of 1823, and comparing it with Voucher accompanying it, they find the same to be correct leaving a balance of Eight Dollars and 75 Cents due to the Grand Secretary on the 30 June, 1823.

Respectfully submitted,

BERNARD DAHLGREN,

WILLIAM PAGE.

ROBERT TOLAND.

WILLIAM MAYWEG.

Philadelphia,  
16 July, 1823.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

The Committee on Finance Report,

That on examining the above account of interest on the Masonic Loan paid during the second quarter of 1823 they find the same to be correct, leaving a balance in S. Girard's Bank for dividends unclaimed of One hundred and seventy one Dollars on the 30 June, 1823.

Respectfully submitted,

BERNARD DAHLGREN,

WILLIAM PAGE,

ROB. TOLAND,

W<sup>m</sup>. MAYWEG.

Philad<sup>a</sup>.  
16 July, 1823.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

The Committee on Finance Report,

That on examining the above account of interest on the

Masonic Loan paid during the second quarter of 1823, they find the same to be correct, leaving a balance in S. Girard's Bank for dividends unclaimed of One hundred and seventy one Dollars on the 30 June, 1823.

Respectfully submitted,

BERNARD DAHLGREN.  
WILLIAM PAGE.  
ROB. TOLAND.  
W<sup>m</sup>. MAYWEG.

Philad<sup>a</sup>.

16 July, 1823.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

The Committee on Finance Report,

That on examining the within account of the Grand Treasurer for the second quarter of 1823, and comparing it with the Vouchers accompanying it, they find the same to be correct, leaving a balance of Four Hundred Fifteen Dollars and 57 Cents due to the Grand Lodge on the 30<sup>th</sup> June, 1823.

Respectfully submitted,

BERNARD DAHLGREN,	} Committee.
WILLIAM PAGE,	
ROB. TOLAND,	
W <sup>m</sup> . MAYWEG,	

Philadelphia,

16 July, 1823.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

The Committee on Finance Report,

That on examining the within Account of the Hall Committee for the second quarter of 1823, and comparing it with the Vouchers accompanying it, they find the same to be correct, leaving a balance of One hundred forty nine Dollars and 62 Cents due to the Grand Lodge on the 30 June, 1823.

Respectfully submitted,

BERNARD DAHLGREN,  
WILLIAM PAGE,  
ROB. TOLAND,  
W<sup>m</sup>. MAYWEG.

Philad<sup>a</sup>.

16 July, 1823.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

The Committee on Finance Report,

That on examining the within account of the Gas Committee for the second quarter of 1823, and comparing it with the Vouchers accompanying it, they find the same to be correct, leaving a balance of Two Hundred fifty five Dollars and 43 Cents due to the Grand Lodge on the 30 June, 1823.

Respectfully submitted,

BERNARD DAHLGREN,  
WILLIAM PAGE,  
ROB. TOLAND,  
W<sup>m</sup>. MAYWEG.

Philad<sup>a</sup>.

July 16, 1823.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

The Committee on Finance in obedience to the Resol. of the Grand Lodge respectfully report an abstract of the receipts and payments during the quarter of 1823, viz :

*Receipts.*

Lodge dues, . . . . .	\$1418.68
Rent, Victor Guillou, . . . . .	525.
Gas establishment.	
Gas sold, . . . . .	\$217.59
Old Materials sold . . . . .	111.
	<hr/> 328.59
Dispensations, . . . . .	110.
Certificates, . . . . .	12.
Incidental, . . . . .	4.12
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Total, . . . . .	<u><u>\$2398.39</u></u>

*Payments.*

*Old debts.*

Sarchet, Stoves, . . . . .	\$118.15
Wetherill, Paint Gas house, . . . . .	25.25
	<hr/> \$143.40

*For the service of 1823.*

Interest, . . . . .	\$1600.
G. Secretary's Salary, . . . . .	162.50
Tyler, . . . . .	50.
Postages, . . . . .	17.55
Water Rent, . . . . .	10.
Insurance at N. York, . . . . .	78.75
Discount on Bank Notes, . . . . .	5.66
Hall Committee, . . . . .	110.04
Gas Committee, . . . . .	215.54
Grand Lecturer, . . . . .	75.
Expenses Grand Committee, . . . . .	100.
	<hr/> 2425.04

Total, . . . . . \$2568.44

Balance in the Treasury 31 March, 1823, . \$1025.42  
ditto " " 30 June, 1823, . 855.37

Respectfully submitted,

BERNARD DAHLGREN,  
WILLIAM PAGE,  
ROB. TOLAND,  
W<sup>m</sup>. MAYWEG.

Philad<sup>a</sup>,

16 July, 1823.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

The Committee of Finance to whom was referred the bill of Brother Thomas S. Manning for printing the proceedings of the Grand Committee have examined the same and offer the following Resolution :

Resolved, that the Grand Treasurer be and is hereby authorized and directed to pay Brother Thomas S. Manning Fifty Seven Dollars and 59 Cents in full for his bill of printing 25 Feb., 27 Feb. and 12 March, 1823, amounting to Sixty One Dollars and 29 Cents.

Respectfully submitted,

BERNARD DAHLGREN,  
WILLIAM PAGE,  
ROB. TOLAND,  
W<sup>m</sup>. MAYWEG.

Philad<sup>a</sup>,

16 July, 1823.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

The Committee of Finance to whom was referred the Petition of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 107, considering the doubtful power of this Grand Lodge to enforce a coercive course against a Lodge situate within the Jurisdiction of another Grand Lodge, beg leave to offer the following Resolutions :

Resolved, that the Grand Treasurer be Authorized and is hereby authorized and directed to close the account of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 107 up to and including 27 Decem., 1822, on receiving the sum of Two Hundred Dollars.

Resolved, that on the payment of the aforesaid Two hundred Dollars, together with such dues as shall have accrued subsequently to December, 1822, Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 107 may surrender its Warrant to the Grand Secretary whenever it shall deem it expedient.

Respectfully submitted,

BERNARD DAHLGREN,  
WILLIAM PAGE,  
W<sup>m</sup>. MAYWEG.

Philadelphia,  
16 July, 1823.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

The Committee on Finance respectfully report, that they have considered the communication of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 150 and offer the following Resolution for adoption by the Grand Lodge.

Resolved, that Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 150 be desired to remit forthwith as much as they can on account of their debt to Grand Lodge and to state at what period they will be enabled to discharge the balance.

Respectfully submitted,

BERNARD DAHLGREN,  
WILLIAM PAGE,  
ROB. TOLAND,  
W<sup>m</sup>. MAYWEG.

Philad<sup>a</sup>.  
16 July, 1823.

The Committee on Bye Laws made report on the Bye Laws of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 45, which was read and is as follows :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

The Committee on Bye Laws to whom were referred for examination the Bye Laws of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 45, held at Pittsburgh, Respectfully Report,

That they have carefully examined the same and recommend the following amendments thereto.

Article 7, to be altered so as to read as follows: That no Brother shall be admitted as a Visitor unless by Motion regularly made, seconded and carried for such admission, provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent such Motion being founded on the Voucher of a single Brother either a Member or a Visitor. The Master for the time being having at all times power to admit such Brethren as he can Vouch for. If the visiting Brother cannot be vouched for the Master shall appoint one or more Members of this Lodge who are Master Masons to examine him, and upon his or their reporting that he is a lawful Ancient York Mason he shall be admitted.

In Article 9<sup>th</sup> after the word "*Masons*" in the "*eighth line*" insert, "*from which the recommending Brethren shall be excluded.*"

And that they be adopted.

Respectfully submitted by

GEORGE A. BAKER, } Committee.  
NATH<sup>n</sup>. R. POTTS, }

Philadelphia,

July 23, 1823.

Which report was adopted.

The Committee on Bye Laws made report on the Bye Laws of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 106, which was read and is as follows :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

The Committee on Bye Laws to whom were referred for examination the Bye Laws of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 106, held at Williamsport, Lycoming County,

Respectfully Report,



That they have carefully examined the same and recommend the following alterations thereto :

In Article 13, in the 3 line strike out "*the Brother who proposes him,*" and insert "*two Master Masons who are Members of this Lodge,*" and in the 4<sup>th</sup> line after the word "*three*" insert "*Master Masons from which the recommending Brethren shall be excluded.*"

To Article 17<sup>th</sup> add as follows : "*unless permission be obtained from the R. W. Grand Lodge.*"

And that they be adopted.

Respectfully submitted by

GEORGE A. BAKER, } Committee.  
NAT<sup>N</sup>. R. POTTS, }

Philadelphia,

July 23, 1823.

Which report was adopted.

The Committee on Bye Laws made report on the Bye Laws of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 186, which was read and is as follows :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

The Committee on Bye Laws to whom were referred for examination the Bye Laws of "Eastern Star Lodge, N<sup>o</sup>. 186," held at Philadelphia,

Respectfully Report,

That they have carefully examined the same and recommend the following amendments, to wit :

Article 13, to be amended so as to read as follows : That no Brother shall be admitted as a Visitor, unless by Motion regularly made, seconded and carried for such admission provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent such Motion being founded on the Voucher of a single Brother either a Member or a Visitor. The Master for the time being having at all times power to admit such Brethren as he can vouch for. The Name of the Visitor shall be announced in open Lodge and if he cannot be vouched for, the Master may appoint a Committee of two Master Masons (one of whom shall be a Member of this Lodge) to examine him, and if their report be favourable he shall be admitted and not otherwise.

In Article 14, after the word "*appointed*" in the "*third line*," insert, "*from which the recommending Brethren shall be excluded.*"

And that they be adopted.

Respectfully submitted by

GEORGE A. BAKER, } Committee.  
NATH<sup>N</sup>. R. POTTS, }

Philadelphia,

July 23, 1823.

Which report was adopted.

The Committee on Bye Laws made report on the Bye Laws of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 187, which was read and is as follows :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

The Committee on Bye Laws to whom were referred for examination the Bye Laws of Integrity Lodge, N<sup>o</sup>. 187, held at Philadelphia,

Respectfully Report,

That they have carefully examined the same and recommend their adoption with the following amendment :

Article 13, to be altered so as to read as follows : That no Brother shall be admitted as a Visitor unless by Motion regularly made, seconded and carried for such admission, provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent such Motion being founded on the Voucher of a single Brother either a Member or a Visitor. The Master for the time being having at all times power to admit such Brethren as he can Vouch for. The Brother desirous of visiting shall forward his name by the Tyler in writing, which shall be reported to the Master and if not vouched for he shall not be received until after due examination he shall be found to be an ancient free and accepted Mason.

Respectfully submitted by

GEORGE A. BAKER, } Committee.  
NATH<sup>N</sup>. R. POTTS, }

Philadelphia,

July 23, 1823.

Which report was adopted.

The Committee to whom was referred the Letter of T—— M. H—— made report which was read and is as follows :

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

The Committee to whom was referred the Letter of T—— M. H—— relative to his expulsion by Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 115, on the 16<sup>th</sup> of June, 1823,

Respectfully report,

That in pursuance of their appointment, they have carefully read and considered the said letter, and the documents to which it refers, and are of opinion that it can only be regarded as a protest of the said T——, against the report of the Committee of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, approving of his expulsion. Your Committee therefore recommend that it be filed among the Archives of the Grand Lodge.

All which is respectfully submitted by

W<sup>m</sup>. ROGERS,  
CHA<sup>s</sup>. SIDNEY COXE,  
JOS. W. ROWLAND.

July 31, 1823.

Which Report was adopted.

The following Returns, &c., from Lodges were presented and read, viz :

Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 46, Ephrata. Account of Dues. Return of Members, containing the expulsion of J—— G——.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 60, Brownsville. Election Returns for several years. Account of Dues and Return of Members to 24 June, 1822, containing the expulsion of J—— F—— for unmasonic conduct.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 82, Milford. Account of Dues of Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 82, from 24 June, 1813 to 20<sup>th</sup> December, 1820 ; also, Letter from the W. Master stating that the account was for the time while the Lodge was doing nothing and complaining of the hardship, &c., is obliged to pay, &c. On Motion and Seconded, said Account and Letter were referred to Bro<sup>rs</sup>. James Harper, William Mandry and Isaac P. Coole to inquire and make report.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 94, New Hope. Election Return. Account of

Dues. Return of Members, containing the expulsion of U—— W——, J—— N——, J—— E——, ju., J—— B——, S—— F—— and W—— R——.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 106, held at Williamsport. Communication of the reinstatement of George Dutich, Samuel Donnel, John Mahaffey, James Macky, jun<sup>r</sup>, Robert Robinson, John Slone, Alexander Stewart, William Watson and Henry Wisner who had been suspended for non payment of dues; also, Samuel Stewart, and the expulsion of J—— B——, J—— G——, J—— L——, A—— M<sup>c</sup>K——, J—— T—— and J—— W—— for non payment of Dues. A Memorial was also received from sundry Members of said Lodge, Stating that the peace and harmony of the Lodge had been disturbed in consequence of the admission into said Lodge as a Visitor of the Person who after being rejected by said Lodge, had been made in N<sup>o</sup> 148, and praying the Grand Lodge to take their grievances into immediate consideration and decide as they may deem most expedient for the benefit of the fraternity.

On Motion and Seconded,

Resolved, that said Communication be referred to the Committee on Land marks with directions to report on the first Monday in September next.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 115, held at Philadelphia. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Dues.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 120, held at Tioga. Return of Members, containing the expulsion of L—— A——, L—— G—— and I—— G——.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 122, held at New Orleans. A Letter dated 15<sup>th</sup> June, from S—— H——, Secretary of said Lodge, was received and read, stating that the communication requiring the Returns to be rendered came to hand a few days before and too late to make them out and forward them within the time required, but that as soon as possible the same should be made out and forwarded and begging indulgence for time to complete them. Ordered to be filed.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 124, held at Erie. Return of Members. Also, a Letter from the W. Master stating the impossibility of mak-

ing out a complete account of dues in consequence of the destruction of the books and papers belonging to the Lodge by Fire, when the Court House at Erie in which they were kept was burned. Ordered to be filed.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 143, held at Chambersburg. Communication of the rejection of J—— J——.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 145, held at Wilkinsburg. Accounts of Dues for 1818, 1819, 1820, 1821 and 1822.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 149, held at Montrose. A Letter dated 14 July, 1823, from W. G. Woodhouse, was received and read, stating that neither of the Communications requiring the Returns were received from the Post Office until the day before in consequence of the severe and continued sickness of the W. Master. That he had not recovered sufficiently to answer the Letters in person, he therefore requested him to ask the Grand Lodge a further delay until his health should be restored. Ordered to be filed.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 153, held at Waynesburg. Election Returns, 1820 and 1822. Accounts of Dues, 1820 and 1822. Returns of Members, 1820 and 1822, containing the rejection of B—— M——. Also, a Letter from the W. Master. Ordered to be filed,

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 156, held at Chestnut Level. Account of Dues, 1820. Return of Members, 1820.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 169, Columbia, Lancaster County. Account of Dues, 1821.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 173, held at Lawrenceville. Election Return. Return of Members. Account of Dues.

The Committee to whom was referred the Appeal of T—— G—— from a vote of expulsion passed against him by Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 22, made report which was read, when,

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that said Report be recommitted to the same Committee with directions to report facts and a resolution or resolutions for the Grand Lodge to Act upon.

On Motion of Brother Dahlgren and Seconded,

Resolved, that the Warrants of the following Lodges be and the same are hereby suspended until they render complete Returns.

N<sup>o</sup>. 83, held at Damascus, Wayne County.

“ 109, held at S<sup>t</sup>. Genevieve, Missouri.

“ 149, held at Montrose, Susquehannah County.

On Motion of Brother Dahlgren and Seconded,

Resolved, that the Warrants of all such Lodges situate out of this State, but under the Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge as shall not on or before the 1<sup>st</sup> December next, render complete returns up to 27 December, 1822, be and the same are hereby suspended.

On Motion of Brother Dahlgren and Seconded,

Resolved, that the Warrants of all such Lodges situate within this State as shall not on or before the 1<sup>st</sup> November next, render complete returns up to the 27<sup>th</sup> December, 1822, be and the same are hereby suspended.

On Motion of Brother Dahlgren and Seconded,

Resolved, that the Gas Committee be and is hereby authorized to turn tar oil into varnish, in the best manner practicable and the same to sell or export as to the same Committee shall seem most advantageous.

A Communication dated July 21, 1823, from the Grand Treasurer was received and read relative to the dues of the late Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 166, held at the Havanna, which was ordered to be laid on the table.

A Committee appointed by the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, tendered for the consideration and adoption of this Grand Lodge, a Constitution adopted by the said Grand Chapter on the 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 1823, for the Government thereof. When on Motion and Seconded,

Resolved, that the said Constitution be made the order of the day for the first Monday in September next, and that the same together with the Report of the Committee appointed to enquire into the expediency of changing the existing system of Government of Royal Arch Masonry, read in Grand Lodge on the 16<sup>th</sup> September, 1822, be printed and distributed among the Members of the Grand Lodge.

Grand Lodge closed in harmony at 10 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,

Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, September 1, A. D. 1823, A. L. 5823.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

Bro. JOSIAH RANDALL, R. W. Grand Master.

“ Thomas Kittera, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, P. T.

“ T. B. Freeman, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, P. T.

“ John Uhle, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P. T.

“ George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

“ Anthony Fannen, R. W. Grand Treasurer, P. T.

“ Nathan R. Potts, Deputy Grand Secretary.

“ Charles Stout, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.

“ David Moody, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.

Rev<sup>d</sup>. Bro. Gregory T. Bedell, Grand Chaplain.

Bro. Emmor T. Weaver, Grand Sword Bearer, P. T.

“ Joseph R. Hopkins, Grand Marshal, P. T.

“ Samuel H. Perkins, Grand Pursuivant, P. T.

“ Samuel F. Bradford, R. W. P. Grand Master.

“ Bayse Newcomb, R. W. P. Grand Master.

“ William Schneider, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 3, 9, 19, 21, 45, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 91, 114, 115, 123, 125,  
126, 127, 128, 130, 131, 134, 141, 158, 160, 165, 172, 186,  
187 and 168 represented.

Thirty Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at 7 o'clock in the Evening.

The Minutes of the last Grand Quarterly Communication and of the Meetings held since were read and approved.

The Constitution of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter being called up for consideration, it was

On Motion and Seconded,

Resolved, that the consideration of the same be postponed until the first Monday of October next.

Brother Gordon offered the following Resolution :

Resolved, that Thomas F. Gordon, late Gas Committee, be authorized to pay to John Turner and Company, the amount of their bill rendered for tar sold by them to said Committee for account of the Grand Lodge, releasing the said Turner and

Co. from their assumption of the debt due to G. Lodge by Lewis Grisky for tar oil sold him by said Committee.

On Motion and seconded, said Resolution was referred to Brothers Samuel F. Bradford, Bernard Dahlgren and William Boyd to enquire and make report.

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred the proceedings of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 67 relative to the Loan made by the Trustees of said Lodge to the Grand Lodge, made report which was read, and on Motion, amended by striking out the word "*week*" in the last Resolution and inserting "*Month.*"

The Report as amended was then adopted and is as follows :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

The Committee of Finance to whom was referred the Communication of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 67 dated 14 March, 1823,

Respectfully Report,

That they feel no disposition to detain the Grand Lodge by a refutation of the arguments which Constitute the preamble of the report of the Committee of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 67, adopted by that Lodge and communicated to the Grand Lodge, but proceed directly to consider the matter itself.

Your Committee are of opinion that the terms of the Loan from Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 67, however advantageous to that Lodge, are highly disadvantageous to the Grand Lodge, and as Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 67 has by a formal resolution agreed to cancel the contract on receiving principal and interest at present due to them, Your Committee beg leave to recommend the following Resolutions for the adoption of the Grand Lodge.

Resolved, that the Grand Treasurer be and is hereby authorized and directed to pay the principal and interest due by the Grand Lodge to Concordia Lodge, N<sup>o</sup>. 67, on cancellation of the Bond of Grand Master Newcomb given in pursuance of a Resolution of this Grand Lodge passed 1 Novem., 1819.

Resolved, that to enable the Grand Treasurer to meet the above payment the R. W. Grand Master be and is hereby authorized and respectfully requested to issue Certificates of Debt to the amount of Sixteen Hundred Dollars, payable after



1 January, 1840, and bearing an interest of Six per Cent per Annum, the said Stock to be sold at a price not less than par.

Resolved, that the Masonic Debt so created shall be in the first instance offered to the Trustees of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 67, who shall have the right to accept the same or any part thereof at par, Provided nevertheless, that they shall make their election within one Month from the time of its being offered to them by the Grand Treasurer.

All which is respectfully submitted by

BERNARD DAHLGREN,  
WILLIAM PAGE,  
ROB. TOLAND.

Philadelphia,  
25 August, 1823.

The Committee appointed on the Petition of P—— G——, who was rejected by Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 91, held at Philadelphia, made report which was read and is as follows:

The Committee appointed to enquire into the proceedings of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 91, relative to the rejection of P—— G——, beg leave to Report,

That they have attended to that duty and after mature consideration approved his rejection by said Lodge, and therefore offer the following:

Resolved, that the said rejection be confirmed.

ANTH<sup>y</sup>. FANNEN,  
H. BENNER,  
I. R. HOPKINS.

Sept. 1, 1823.

Which Report was adopted.

The following Returns, &c., from Lodges were presented, viz:

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 102, held at Frankford. Return of Members.  
Account of Dues.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 150, held at Troy. Account of Dues. Return of  
Members, containing the rejection of I—— B——.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 170, Williamsport, Washington Cot<sup>y</sup>. Return of  
Members.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 171, held at Pottstown. A Copy of the Bye Laws of said Lodge was presented and referred to the Committee on Bye Laws for examination.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, was read and ordered to be filed.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, was read and ordered to be filed.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of Alabama, was received and referred to the Committee on the subject of a General Grand Lodge appointed on the 24th June, 1823.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of Georgia, was received and referred to the above mentioned Committee.

A Communication from the Grand Chapter at Basle in Switzerland, dated 15th of May, 1823, was read soliciting information respecting an individual named Fackenhofen.

When on motion made and Seconded, it was Resolved, that the Grand Secretary be requested to write to the Lodges in Havanna and New Orleans and to publish in the Newspapers friendly to Masonry, requesting information respecting the said Fackenhofen.

Brother George A. Baker offered the following resolution :

“Resolved, that the Warrants of all such Lodges as shall not on or before the first day of April in each and every year hereafter, transmit to the Grand Secretary complete Returns up to the preceding St. John the Evangelist's day, shall be considered as suspended, and that it shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary forthwith to notify such Lodges of the suspension of their Warrants and that the same will be immediately revived upon the Receipt of the said returns by him.”

Which On Motion made and Seconded, was laid on the Table.

Grand Lodge Adjourned in harmony at 9 o'clock, to meet on the first Monday of October next, at 6 o'clock, P. M.

BERNARD DAHLGREN,  
Acting Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, A. D. 1823, A. L. 5823.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

Bro. JOSIAH RANDALL, R. W. Grand Master.

- " James Harper, R. W. Deputy Gd. Master, P. T.
- " Thomas Kittera, R. W. Senior Gd. Warden, P. T.
- " E. T. Weaver, R. W. Junior Gd. Warden, P. T.
- " N. R. Potts, R. W. Grand Secretary, P. T.
- " Henry Benner, R. W. Grand Treasurer, P. T.
- " R. Hutchinson, Senior Grand Deacon.
- " A. Cornman, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.
- " Dd. E. Wilson, Grand Sword Bearer, P. T.
- " Samuel Thompson, Grand Marshal, P. T.
- " G. Bedell, Grand Chaplain.
- " C. Stout, Grand Pursuivant, P. T.
- " S. F. Bradford, Past Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 3, 9, 19, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 73, 91, 114, 115, 121, 125, 126, 128, 130, 131, 134, 158, 160 and 186 represented.

Twenty three Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample form at 7 o'clock in the evening.

The R. W. Grand Master announced the death of our much beloved Brother George A. Baker, Esquire, Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge, and appointed Brother Nathan R. Potts Grand Secretary until an election should take place.

On Motion made and Seconded, the following Preamble and resolutions were adopted :

Whereas, The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania are anxious to display the most profound marks of respect for the memory of their deceased friend, and to evince their gratitude for the services rendered by him to the Craft,

Therefore,

Resolved, That the Jewells, Hangings and other Furniture of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania be placed in mourning for the space of Six months as a testimonial of respect for the memory of their deceased Brother, George A. Baker, Esquire, late Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge will not proceed to any other business on this occasion, but do now adjourn.

Grand Lodge adjourned in harmony at 8 o'clock, to meet on Monday the 20<sup>th</sup> Instant.

BERNARD DAHLGREN,  
Acting Grand Secretary.

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PHILADELPHIA, Monday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, A. D. 1823, A. L. 5823.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

BRO. JOSIAH RANDALL, R. W. Grand Master.

- “ James Harper, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, P. T.
- “ Thomas Kittera, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, P. T.
- “ Henry Benner, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P. T.
- “ N. R. Potts, R. W. Grand Secretary, P. T.
- “ Andrew Cornman, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.
- “ Samuel Beatty, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.
- “ Jos. R. Hopkins, Grand Sword Bearer, P. T.
- “ William Wray, Grand Marshal, P. T.
- “ Samuel H. Perkins, Grand Pursuivant, P. T.

Lodges Nos. 3, 9, 19, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 73, 91, 114, 126, 127, 131, 139, 155, 172, 160, 176 and 186 represented.

Twenty one Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample form at 7 o'clock in the evening.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved,

That the Resolution adopted by the Grand Committee, requesting the Grand Lodge to inform the Subordinate Lodges what sums have been remitted during the Sixteen years last past to any of the subordinate Lodges and where those Lodges are located, and what sums if any during the same period, of the Funds of the Grand Lodge have been by them expended in refreshments, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Bye Laws of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 123 were presented and re-

ferred to the Committee on Bye Laws, who reported, recommending that the same be approved, which report, on motion made and seconded, was adopted.

A Communication from Jordan Lodge, N<sup>o</sup>. 151, was read and referred to the Committee on Landmarks.

The following communication from the Grand Treasurer was read :

“ Office of the Grand Treasurer,  
“ Septem<sup>r</sup>. 30, 1823.

“ R. W. Sir :

“ In pursuance of the resolution of the Grand Lodge of  
“ Pennsylvania of the 1st Inst. I offered to the Trustees of  
“ Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 67, the amount of the Masonic Debt proposed to  
“ be created by the resolution, which they declined to accept.

“ I therefore proceeded to sell the said debt, amounting to  
“ Sixteen hundred Dollars for which I obtained par, the cer-  
“ tificates to bear date on the 1st July, or to bear interest  
“ from that day. The Certificates to be issued as follows :

“ One Certificate to Edward Burd, George A. Baker and  
Thomas Hale, in trust for the Sinking Fund of the  
Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, . . . \$1000.

“ Five Certificates \$100 D<sup>rs</sup>. ea. to B. Dahlgren 500.

“ One ditto to Joseph S. Lewis, James  
McAlpin and W<sup>m</sup>. Boyd, in trust for the  
Charity Fund of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 51, . . . 100.

“ This sale has enabled me with the dues of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 67,  
“ to pay off the obligation given by R. W. G. M. Newcomb,  
“ amounting with Interest to \$1761 $\frac{91}{100}$  and it has accordingly  
“ been cancelled.

“ Very respectfully and fraternally,

“ JOSEPH S. LEWIS.”

When, On Motion made and Seconded, the same was accepted and ordered to be filed among the Archives of the Grand Lodge.

The Committee on Finance made sundry Reports, Viz :

Abstract of the receipts and payments during the third Quarter, 1823, balance in Treasury \$652 $\frac{91}{100}$ .

On the receipts and payments of Grand Lodge from 27 December, 1821 to 27th December, 1822.

On the Account of George A. Baker, Grand Secretary, for payment of Interest on the Masonic Loan during the Third Quarter of 1823, balance in Stephen Girard's Bank \$207, being Interest not called for.

On the Account of George A. Baker, Grand Secretary, for the Third Quarter 1823, balance due Grand Lodge  $\$168\frac{1}{10}$ .

On the Account of the Hall Committee for the 3rd Quarter 1823, balance due Gd. Lodge  $\$104\frac{1}{10}$ .

On the Account of Joseph S. Lewis, Grand Treasurer, for the third quarter of 1823, balance due Grand Lodge  $\$234\frac{5}{10}$ .

On the Account of the Gas Committee, for the third quarter of 1823, balance due Grand Lodge  $\$101\frac{6}{10}$ .

Which were read, and on motion made and seconded, were adopted.

A Circular communication from Bro. Robert Evans of No. 763, Belfast, Ireland, praying relief was read, and on motion made and seconded, was referred to the Grand Committee on Charity.

The Chairman of the Committee on finance offered the following resolutions:

Resolved, That after St. John's Day next ensuing, the Gas Committee be discontinued and its Duties transferred to the Hall Committee.

Resolved, That the Hall Committee be and are hereby authorized and directed in future to discharge the annual water rent for the New Hall out of the sum annually appropriated by the Grand Lodge for the use of the said Committee.

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance is hereby authorized to allow the Grand Secretary's Salary for the present quarter, in Settlement with the Executors of Brother George A. Baker, the late Grand Secretary, Brother Potts having agreed to relinquish the same in favor of the widow of Brother Baker.

Resolved, That the Hall Committee be and are hereby authorized and directed, until otherwise ordered by the Grand Lodge, annually to renew through the medium of the

R. W. Grand Treasurer, the Policies of Insurance against Fire effected by the Merchants fire Insurance Company and the Globe Insurance Company of New York, each for \$10500 which expire on the 24 May, 1824, and to pay the Premium of the said Insurance out of the sum annually appropriated by the Grand Lodge for the use of the said Committee.

Resolved, That after St. John the Evangelist's Day next, the sum of Thirty seven Dollars and fifty cents be allowed Quarterly to the Grand Secretary, in lieu of postage, Blank Books, Stationery and all other Office Expenses, including printing Notices, Warrants, Dispensations, Certificates, Annual Communications, &c., excepting only the printing of Documents ordered by special Resolutions of the Grand Lodge.

Which were read and on motion made and seconded, were severally adopted.

A Communication from the Hall Committee inclosing a letter from Mr. Texier de la Pomeraye were read and referred to Brothers Thomas Kittera, Michael Nisbet and M. Steele, Jr., to examine and report.

The Committee appointed on the resolution offered by Brother Thomas F. Gordon on the 1st Sept<sup>r</sup> last, respecting the account of John Turner and C<sup>o</sup> made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penns<sup>a</sup>:

The Committee appointed by the within resolution of the Grand Lodge respectfully report,

That after inquiring into the premises, they are of opinion that John Turner and C<sup>o</sup> ought to be paid in full, and that I. Griskey ought to be compelled to pay balance due by him to the Grand Lodge for Tar oil, and that they believe him able to pay it; they therefore offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, That Brother T. F. Gordon be and is hereby authorized and directed to pay John Turner and C<sup>o</sup> Forty one Dollars and fifty Cents, which is the Amount retained in his hands for balance due from the Grand Lodge to the said Turner and C<sup>o</sup>.

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to

collect the amount due from I. Grisky for Tar oil, in an amicable way if possible, if not, by resorting to compulsory measures.

Resolved, that this Committee be discharged from further duty.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL F. BRADFORD,  
BERNARD DAHLGREN.

Philad<sup>a</sup>, 20th October, 1823.

Which was read and adopted, and Brothers William Boyd, E. T. Weaver and John Uhle were appointed a Committee to carry into effect the second resolution.

On motion made and seconded,

Resolved, That the sum of Fifty Dollars be paid to Brother Dahlgren for so much advanced by him to the Grand Lecturer on account of the Grand Lodge.

The Committee appointed on the petition of Mr. J—— De Y——, a rejected applicant for initiation into the mysteries of Free Masonry in Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 139, made report confirming the rejection, which, on motion made and seconded, was adopted.

The resolution offered by Brother George A. Baker on the 1st September last, respecting the suspension of the Warrants of such Lodges as do not make returns was taken up for consideration, and on motion made and seconded, was adopted.

The Constitution adopted 23 June, 1823, by the Grand Chapter for the government of Royal Arch Masonry and the report of the Committee of the Grand Lodge appointed to enquire into the expediency of changing the existing system of government of Royal Arch Masonry was read and a motion made and seconded to postpone the consideration of the Constitution from the Grand Chapter for the purpose of introducing the report of the Committee of the Grand Lodge.

When, After some deliberation,

The Grand Lodge adjourned in harmony at 10 o'clock to meet on Monday the 27th Inst., at 6 o'clock in the evening.

BERNARD DAHLGREN,  
Acting Grand Secretary.



PHILADELPHIA, Monday, October 27th, A. D. 1823, A. L. 5823.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

Bro. JOSIAH RANDALL, R. W. Grand Master.

- " James Harper, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, P. T.
- " Thomas Harper, R. W. Senior Gd. Warden, P. T.
- " Anthony Fannen, R. W. Junior Gd. Warden, P. T.
- " N. R. Potts, Grand Secretary, P. T.
- " C. Stout, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.
- " Geo. Beatty, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.
- " James McAlpin, Grand Sword Bearer.
- " C. Pearce, Grand Marshal, P. T.
- " D. Boyd, Grand Pursuivant, P. T.

Lodges Nos. 3, 9, 51, 59, 67, 102, 104, 114, 115, 127, 131, 155, 158, 172, 186, represented.

Fifteen Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample form at  $\frac{1}{4}$  Past 6 o'clock in the evening.

An application was received and read from several brethren late members of Youghiogania Lodge, N<sup>o</sup>. 110, praying to have their Warrant restored to them, which

On motion made and seconded, was referred to Brothers N. R. Potts, Henry Benner and Abner Kneeland.

A Communication was received and read from the Secretary of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 22, praying to have the time for making their returns extended to the 27th December next, when on motion made and seconded,

Resolved, That the prayer of the Petitioners be granted.

The deliberation of the motion made at the meeting of Grand Lodge on the 20th Instant, to postpone the consideration of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter sent to this Grand Lodge, for the purpose of introducing the report of the Committee of the Grand Lodge to enquire into the expediency of changing the existing mode of government of Royal Arch Masonry was resumed and the motion prevailed, so the consideration of the Constitution sent from the Grand Chapter was postponed.

Grand Lodge Adjourned in harmony at  $\frac{1}{4}$  Past 10 o'clock, P. M. to meet on the first Monday of November next at 6 o'clock in the evening.

BERNARD DAHLGREN,  
Acting Grand Secretary.

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PHILADELPHIA, Monday, November 3rd, A. D. 1823, A. L. 5823.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

BRO. JOSIAH RANDALL, R. W. Grand Master.

- " Thomas Kittera, R. W. Senior G. Warden, P. T.
- " Jos. R. Hopkins, R. W. Junior G. Warden, P. T.
- " Nathan R. Potts, Grand Secretary, P. T.
- " Anthony Fannen, Grand Treasurer, P. T.
- " R. Hutchinson, Senior Grand Deacon.
- " Alva Mason, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.
- " William Barger, Grand Sword Bearer, P. T.
- " Samuel Thompson, Grand Marshal, P. T.
- " C. Snyder, Grand Pursuivant, P. T.
- " Bayse Newcomb, R. W. Past Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 3, 9, 19, 21, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 73, 84, 91, 115, 125, 130, 131, 155, 158, 160 and 186 represented.

Twenty Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample form at half past 6 o'clock in the evening.

A Communication was received and read from Peter Smith, praying for the Loan of a small sum of money to carry him to his home in Salem, Washington County, State of New York, which communication on motion made and seconded, was ordered to be laid on the table.

The Report of the Committee of the Grand Lodge to enquire into the expediency of changing the existing mode of government of Royal Arch Masonry, was considered, and on motion amended, and adopted as amended in the words following :

To the Right Worshipful, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

The Committee appointed to enquire into the expediency of changing the existing system of government of Royal Arch Masonry, and if found expedient, to report to this Grand Lodge a New System.

Respectfully Report,

That in conjunction with a Committee of a similar number appointed for the same purpose by the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, they carefully proceeded into the examination and consideration of the subject referred to them and after giving it the fullest reflection, beg leave to offer the following resolution :

Resolved, That it is expedient to change the existing system of government of Holy Royal Arch Masonry.

Resolved, That the present powers of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania be, and are hereby so far enlarged, as to empower the Grand Chapter to issue Warrants for the holding of Chapters of Holy Royal Arch Masons, and Lodges of Mark Master and Most Excellent Master Masons, and the same to suspend, revoke and restore at pleasure, to form a Constitution and Bye Laws, Rules and Regulations, for its own government, to regulate, superintend and controul the Bye Laws, Rules and Regulations of Subordinate Chapters, Mark Master and Most Excellent Master Masons Lodges under its jurisdiction ; and to preside over and govern the same according to the ancient usages and customs of Masonry, Provided always nevertheless, that these powers shall always be held under the following restrictions and qualifications, which shall be and are fundamental conditions of this grant, viz :

First, That the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania (being an Holy Royal Arch Mason) shall be ex officio Grand High Priest of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

Second, That the Grand Royal Arch Chapter shall on no pretence grant warrants, authorizing the entering, passing and raising, and passing the Chair, of any person or persons, at any place or places within or without the Jurisdiction of

the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, or in any way interfere with those degrees or the government thereof.

Third, That no person shall continue to be a member of any Chapter for a longer time than six months after he shall have ceased to be a member of, or shall have been expelled or suspended from a Blue Lodge.

Fourth, That all meetings of the Grand and Subordinate Chapters, Mark Master's Lodges and most Excellent Master's Lodges in Philadelphia, shall be held in the present Masonic Hall, or in any other Hall, used by the Grand Lodge, which shall be sufficiently commodious for their accommodation.

Fifth, That nothing herein contained shall be considered as a recognition by the Grand Lodge of the degrees of Most Excellent Master and Mark Master, as degrees of Ancient York Masonry.

Resolved, That the Committee be discharged.

All which is respectfully submitted.

EDWARD KING,  
BERNARD DAHLGREN,  
ROBERT TOLAND,  
THOMAS AMIES.

On motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary transmit to the Grand Chapter a copy of the above report as adopted and inform them that this Grand Lodge has not concurred in the constitution received from them.

Grand Lodge closed in harmony at 10 o'clock, P. M.

BERNARD DAHLGREN,  
Acting Grand Secretary.

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PHILADELPHIA, Monday, December 1st, A. D. 1823, A. L. 5823.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

BRO. JOSIAH RANDALL, R. W. Grand Master.

“ John B. Gibson, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

Bro. James Harper, R. W. Senior Gd. Warden.

" Thomas Kittera, R. W. Junior Gd. Warden.

" N. R. Potts, R. W. Grand Secretary, P. T.

" Jos. S. Lewis, R. W. Grand Treasurer.

" Tho<sup>s</sup>. M. Pettit, Deputy Grand Secretary, P. T.

" R. Hutchinson, Senior Grand Deacon.

" Jac. Durff, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.

" I. R. Hopkins, Grand Marshal, P. T.

" T. B. Freeman, Grand Sword Bearer, P. T.

" G. T. Bedell, } Grand Chaplains.

" W<sup>m</sup>. Rogers, }

" Robt. Bell, Grand Pursuivant.

" Bayse Newcomb, R. W. Past Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 3, 9, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 73, 84, 91, 102, 114, 115, 121, 125, 126, 127, 128, 130, 131, 134, 155, 158, 174, 176, 186 and 187 represented.

Twenty eight Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at  $\frac{1}{4}$  past 6 o'clock in the evening.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That the reading of the minutes of the late quarterly communication be dispensed with for the present.

A Communication from the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter was received and read, announcing their non concurrence in the system of government of Royal Arch Masonry, passed by this Grand Lodge on the 3rd Ultimo, also a copy of a resolution appointing a committee on conference, when

On motion made and seconded, it was

Resolved, That a Committee consisting of Brothers T. B. Freeman, Robert De Silver and Charles Stout be appointed to confer with the above named Committee of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter.

The Right Worshipful Grand Master informed the brethren that this was the evening appoined by the Regulations of the Grand Lodge for the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year.

Whereupon, On motion made and Seconded, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the election, when the following Brethren were duly elected, Viz :

Bro. John B. Gibson, R. W. Grand Master.

“ James Harper, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

“ Thomas Kittera, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

“ Samuel Badger, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.

“ Bernard Dahlgren, R. W. Grand Secretary, and

“ Joseph S. Lewis, R. W. Grand Treasurer.

The Committee on Finance made the following report, Viz:

On the final account of Bro. George A. Baker, Grand Secretary, balanced by a payment to the Grand Treasurer of \$15 $\frac{63}{100}$ .

On the final account of Bro. Thomas F. Gordon, Gas Committee, balanced by a payment to the Grand Treasurer of \$2 $\frac{54}{100}$ .

On the estimate of receipts and Disbursements for the year 1824.

Which on motion made and seconded, were severally adopted.

Grand Lodge adjourned in harmony at 10 o'clock, P. M. to meet on the first Monday in January next at 6 o'clock in the evening.

BERNARD DAHLGREN,

Acting Grand Secretary.

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ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST'S DAY, Philadelphia, Saturday, December 27<sup>th</sup>, A. D. 1823, A. L. 5823.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand General Communication.

Present:

Bro. JOHN B. GIBSON, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, in the Chair.

“ James Harper, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, P. T.

“ Samuel Badger, R. W. Senior G. Warden, P. T.

“ Geo. H. Burgin, R. W. Junior G. Warden, P. T.

“ Bernard Dahlgren, R. W. Grand Secretary, P. T.

“ Joseph S. Lewis, R. W. Grand Treasurer.

“ T. B. Freeman, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.

“ D. F. Gordon, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.

Bro. Gregory T. Bedell, Grand Chaplain.

“ Jos. W. Rowland, Grand Pursuivant, P. T.

“ S. F. Bradford, R. W. Past Gd. Master.

Lodges Nos. 3, 9, 19, 52, 59, 61, 67, 71, 72, 73, 81, 91, 115, 121, 128, 130, 131, 134, 155, 158, 165, 176 and 186 represented.

Twenty three Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in due form at half past 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

The R. W. Grand Master being announced was received with the usual honors.

So much of the minutes of the last Grand Quarterly Communication being read as relate to the election of Grand Officers, and those Brethren who were not Past Masters having withdrawn, the following Grand Officers elect were severally installed into their respective Offices in ancient and solemn form, and being duly proclaimed they received the cordial and accustomed salutations of the Brethren.

Bro. John B. Gibson, R. W. Grand Master.

“ James Harper, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

Whereupon, the Brethren who had withdrawn were readmitted and the following Grand Officers elect were then severally installed into their respective offices in ancient and solemn form, and being duly proclaimed they received the cordial and accustomed salutations of the Brethren.

Bro. Samuel Badger, R. W. Junior Gd. Warden.

“ Bernard Dahlgren, R. W. Grand Secretary.

“ Joseph S. Lewis, R. W. Grand Treasurer.

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to make the following appointments, to wit:

Brother Randal Hutchinson, Senior Grand Deacon.

“ Edward King, Junior Grand Deacon.

Rev. Bro. William Rogers,

“ “ Gregory T. Bedell,

“ “ George C. Potts,

“ “ William E. Ashton,

} Grand Chaplains.

Brother Thomas Amies,

“ William Wray,

“ James McAlpin, Grand Sword Bearer.

} Grand Stewards.

Brother Elhanan W. Keyser, Grand Marshal.

“ Robert R. Bell, Grand Pursuivant.

“ William Schneider, Grand Tyler.

Committees, Viz :

Brother Tristram B. Freeman,	}	Committee of Correspondence.
“ George M. Dallas,		
“ William Mayweg,		
“ John Uhle,	}	Committee to examine the Bye Laws of the subordinate Lodges.
“ Stephen W. Smith,		
“ Samuel Wonderly,		
“ Thomas F. Gordon,	}	Committee to examine the transactions of the last Year and select for publication.
“ Nathan R. Potts,		
“ Henry Horn,		
“ Frederick Erringer,	}	Hall Committee.
“ Thomas Harper,		
“ George W. Jones,		
“ Robert De Silver,		
“ William F. Seeger,		
“ Solomon Allen,	}	Committee of Charity.
“ James M <sup>c</sup> Alpin,		
“ Anthony Fannen,		
“ Emmor T. Weaver,		
“ Joseph R. Hopkins,		
“ William Page,	}	Committee of Finance.
“ Robert Toland,		
“ William Boyd,		
“ I. I. Skerret,		
“ D. E. Wilson,		
“ Josiah Randall,	}	Committee on Landmarks in conjunction with the Officers of the Grand Lodge.
“ Bayse Newcomb,		
“ Samuel F. Bradford,		
“ Henry Benner,		
“ Andrew Hootton,		

District Deputy Grand Masters.

Brother James Buchanan, Esquire, of the City of Lancaster, for the District composed of the Counties of Lancaster, Lebanon and York.



Bro. William R. Smith, of Huntingdon, for the District composed of the Counties of Dauphin, Mifflin, Centre, Huntingdon, Bedford, Somerset and Cambria.

R. W. Past Grand Master Randall announced that he had after the election on the 1st Instant, appointed Brother Bernard Dahlgren, Acting Grand Secretary, Brother Nathan R. Potts having desired an arrangement of that kind, he then offered the following resolutions :

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to Brother N. R. Potts, Esquire, for the kind and affectionate manner in which he offered his services to this Grand Lodge to perform the duties of the office of Grand Secretary vacated by the death of our deceased worthy and revered Brother George A. Baker, Esquire.

Resolved, That the sum of One Hundred and fifty Dollars be presented to Bro. N. R. Potts, Esq<sup>r</sup>, as a compensation for his services rendered to the Grand Lodge on the above occasion.

Which, on motion made and seconded, were adopted.

On Motion of Brother Dahlgren and seconded,

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be and is hereby authorized and directed to pay the sum of Twenty-five Dollars to Brother Charles Schneider for his services examining the Minutes of Twelve Lodges during the last Grand Visitation.

On motion of Brother Bradford and seconded, the following Preamble and Resolutions were unanimously adopted :

Whereas, This Grand Lodge entertaining the most lively sense of gratitude for the many services rendered to the Craft by Brother Josiah Randall, Esquire, R. W. Past Grand Master, in the various situations which he has held among the fraternity, and particularly for the zeal, ability and impartiality with which he discharged the arduous and important duties of Grand Master, do therefore

Resolve, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be affectionately tendered to Brother Josiah Randall, R. W. Past Grand Master, and that he be presented with a Past Grand Master's Jewel of gold, of superior beauty with appropriate hanging and apron.

Resolved, That the Grand Officers be a Committee to carry the foregoing resolutions into effect.

Brother Randall thanked the Grand Lodge for the honor tender'd him, but declined accepting the Jewel on account of the state of the finances of the Grand Lodge and expressed an opinion that none ought to be granted until the debt of the Grand Lodge is paid.

On motion made by Bro. Dahlgren and seconded,

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge will not present any Jewels or other decorations to any Past Grand Officer until the Grand Lodge dues now exacted from the subordinate Lodges shall have been reduced.

The Grand Secretary appointed Bro. Benjamin Stephens, Deputy Grand Secretary which was unanimously approved by the Grand Lodge.

The Returns from Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 102 were received, and it appearing that the Worshipful Master elect had not served as a Warden, it was on motion made and seconded,

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to enquire into the circumstances relating to the Election of the Officers of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 102, and report thereon on Monday, the 5th of January next.

The R. W. Grand Master appointed on said Committee Brothers William Boyd, Joseph W. Rowland and John Pearce.

The following Communications were received and ordered to be filed among the archives of the Grand Lodge :

From the Grand Master of South Carolina, communicating the settlement of the dispute with Brother Joseph M<sup>c</sup>Cosh.

From the Grand Lodge of Vermont, containing the names of the Grand Officers elect and their signatures.

From the Grand Lodge of New York, containing the names of the Grand Officers elect and their signatures.

A circular letter of the Grand Lodge of New York, detailing the causes which have led the same to declare it expedient that two Grand Lodges should be formed within the State was received, and

On motion made and seconded, was referred to Brothers Josiah Randall, Samuel F. Bradford and Thomas Kittera.

A Communication was read from Victor Guillaou relative to his lease which will expire on the 20<sup>th</sup> of December, 1824, And on motion made and seconded, was referred to a Committee with directions to report on the 5<sup>th</sup> of January next.

The R. W. Grand Master appointed on said Committee Brothers Joseph S. Lewis, Cha<sup>s</sup>. S. Coxe and Joseph W. Rowland.

A Petition was received and read from Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 61, praying for remission of Grand Lodge dues, which on motion made and seconded, was referred to the Committee on Finance with directions to make report to the Grand Lodge on the 5<sup>th</sup> of January next.

The following report from the District Deputy Grand Master, Brother William R. Smith, was read :

“Huntingdon, Penn., Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>, 1823.

To the Right Worshipful Josiah Randall, Esquire, Grand Master of Masons in and for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction thereto belonging :

Right Worshipful Sir and Brother,

In conformity to my duty I make report to you, and through you to the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, of my proceedings under the powers vested in me by the warrant, conferring on me the dignity of District Deputy Grand Master for the Third Masonic District of Pennsylvania.

On the 25<sup>th</sup> day of June, A. D. 1823, the following named members of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 178, in the Borough of Huntingdon, were severally recommended to me, in proper form, as Master Masons, worthy to receive the degree of Past Master Masons, and to each of whom I officially granted a Dispensation for that purpose, and conferred on each of them the degree of Past Master.

John George Mytinger,

Abraham Levy,

John Scott,

Henry Shippen,

Thomas McMillan,

James T. Scott,

Thomas King,

Thomas Johnston.

On the 16<sup>th</sup> day of September, A. D. 1823, Henry Lorain, of Phillipsburg, in the County of Centre, having been recommended to me in proper form by Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 178, in the

Borough of Huntingdon, as worthy to receive a dispensation to be entered, passed and raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason, I officially granted such Dispensation and subsequently conferred the degree of a Master Mason on Henry Lorain.

On the 7th day of October, A. D. 1823, Doctor Alexander Macleod of Phillipsburg, in the county of Center, having been recommended to me in proper form by Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 178, in the Borough of Huntingdon, as worthy to receive a dispensation to be entered, passed and raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason, I officially granted such dispensation and subsequently conferred the degree of a Master Mason on Alexander Macleod.

With respect to the Counties over which I have the honor to preside as District Deputy Grand Master, I beg leave to make the following report.

In Huntingdon County, Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 178, is in full communion with the R. W. the Grand Lodge and its annual return being before the Grand Lodge, details are unnecessary. I nevertheless take pride in stating that the uniform good conduct of the Lodge, and the unusual accuracy of its workmen deserves my warm commendation.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 85, in the Town of Alexandria, in the same County, has for some years past been deprived of its warrant, and in consequence of several petitions and representations made to the R. W. the Grand Lodge, for the purpose of having such Warrant restored, the whole matter was, by resolution of the Grand Lodge, referred to me. During the last summer I made every enquiry into the situation of the Lodge, and of its petitioning members, and am constrained to say that by the Regulations of the Grand Lodge as communicated to me by the R. W. Grand Secretary, I cannot, now, recommend that the Warrant be restored. The evidence of the sufficient number of applicants, and of their Masonic standing and also of the discharge of Grand Lodge dues, all being deficient, had induced me unwillingly to make this unfavorable report.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 33, formerly located in the Borough of Huntingdon, has not been in existence for more than fifteen years past, and no efforts have been made to revive its warrant.

In Bedford County, Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. Bedford Bath Lodge, has for many years past been deprived of its Warrant; no exertions are making to revive it, as I have understood, although a number of the fraternity reside in the County.

In Mifflin County, Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. has for many years past been deprived of its warrant. No exertions have been made to revive it. But a meeting of Masons has within a week past been held at Lewistown, and an application will be made to the Grand Lodge, as I have understood, for a new Warrant.

In Centre County there never has been a Lodge located, but, as I have understood, some exertions are making amongst the fraternity to procure a Warrant.

In Cambria County there never has been a Lodge located and the Brethren are very few.

In Somerset County I have not visited, and this neglect will I trust, be considered as the more excusable, when I call to the recollection of the R. W. Grand Master, that his excursion through the West, rendered my attentions at Somerset during the last year unnecessary, and business during the present summer has totally prevented my performance of an agreeable duty.

The presence of the Grand Lecturer, Brother Murray, has afforded a great gratification to the Masonic Fraternity, so far as I have been able to ascertain their sentiments throughout the Third Masonic District.

I have the honor to be

R. W. Sir,

Fraternally Yours,

W. R. SMITH,

D.D.G.M., 3<sup>rd</sup> Mas<sup>c</sup>. Dist<sup>c</sup>.

When on motion made and seconded,

Resolved,

That the Grand Secretary acknowledge the receipt of the said report and present the thanks of this Grand Lodge to Brother Smith for the fidelity with which he has discharged the duties of his office.

On motion made and seconded, it was

Resolved unanimously, that the thanks of this R. W. Grand

Lodge be presented to Brother G. M. Gamble, Major commanding the Marine Corps, for his politeness in furnishing the Marine Band of Music to attend the funeral of our deceased Brother George A. Baker, Esquire, late R. W. Grand Secretary.

A report from the Grand Committee of Charity was received and read; Balance due their Treasurer, \$71<sup>55</sup>/<sub>100</sub>; Investments, \$600 in the Masonic Loans and \$295 in the Gas Loan. Ordered to be filed.

A Petition was received and read from Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 46, praying remission of Grand Lodge dues, which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Bye Laws of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 50 were presented and referred to the Committee on Bye Laws for examination.

A report was read from the Committee appointed on the 2nd June last to enquire into the causes and circumstances of the expulsion of John Ramsey from Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 156, stating that the said John Ramsey had paid off his dues to the Lodge, and had been by them reinstated as member thereof. Whereupon, on motion made and seconded, the said report was adopted.

A letter was received and read from Alabama Lodge, N<sup>o</sup>. 3, communicating the expulsion of J—— Y——, which was ordered to be filed.

A letter was received and read from Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 91, communicating the Suspensions of the following named persons, late members of that Lodge, Viz: J—— D——, P. S——, J—— M. R——, J—— T——, M—— W——, J—— T—— and T—— H——.

Which was ordered to be filed.

The following Returns from Lodges were presented and read, Viz:

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 9, held at Philadelphia. Election Return.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 52, held at Philadelphia. General Returns.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 61, held at Wilkesbarre. Election Return.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 67, held at Philadelphia. General Returns, Containing the suspension of S—— A——, I—— H——, A—— B. C—— and W—— H. F——.

- Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 71, held at Philadelphia. General Return.  
 Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 72, held at Philadelphia. General Returns.  
 Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 81, held at Germantown. Election Return.  
 Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 91, held at Philadelphia. Election Return.  
 Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 102, held at Frankford. General Returns, containing the expulsion of L—— D—— and the rejection of E—— W——.  
 Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 123, held at York. Election Return.  
 Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 131, held in Philadelphia. General Returns.  
 Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 186, held at Philadelphia. General Returns, containing the expulsion of S—— M—— for non payment of Dues.  
 Grand Lodge closed in harmony at a quarter past 12 o'clock,  
 P. M. B. DAHLGREN,  
 Grand Secretary.
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PHILADELPHIA, Monday, January 5th, A. D. 1824, A. L. 5824.

Grand Lodge of Penns<sup>a</sup>. Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present :

Bro. JOHN B. GIBSON, R. W. Grand Master.

“ James Harper, R. W. Deputy Grand Master

“ Thomas Kittera, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

“ Samuel Badger, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.

“ Bernard Dahlgren, R. W. Grand Secretary.

“ T. B. Freeman, R. W. Grand Treasurer, P. T.

“ Benj. Stephens, Deputy Grand Secretary.

“ R. Hutchinson, Senior Grand Deacon.

“ J. R. Hopkins, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.

Rev. Bro. William Rogers, Grand Chaplain.

Bro. Henry Horn, Grand Sword Bearer, P. T.

“ Jos. W. Rowland, Grand Pursuivant, P. T.

“ Bayse Newcomb, R. W. Past Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 51, 52, 61, 67, 71, 72, 81, 84, 91, 102, 106, 114, 115, 121, 127, 128, 130, 131, 155, 158, 160, 165, 176, 186 and 187 represented.

Twenty nine Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample form at half past 6 o'clock in the evening.

The minutes of the last Grand Quarterly Communication of September 1st, 1823, and of the adjourned Grand Quarterly Communications of the 6th October, 20th October, 27th October and 3rd November, 1823, were read and severally approved.

The R. W. Grand Master on the written recommendation of the Hall Committee, appointed Brother Charles Schneider, Grand Tyler, in the place of Brother William Schneider, deceased.

The Committee on Finance made sundry reports, Viz :

On the Account of Jos. S. Lewis, Grand Treasurer, for the 4th Quarter of 1823, Balance due Grand L., \$1707<sup>75</sup>/<sub>100</sub>.

On the Account of The Hall Committee for the 4th Quarter of 1823, balance due Grand Lodge, . . . \$59<sup>108</sup>/<sub>100</sub>.

On the account of the Acting Grand Secretaries for the 4th Quarter of 1823.

On the Account of the Gas Committee for the 4th Quarter of 1823, balance due to Grand Lodge, . . . \$83<sup>67</sup>/<sub>100</sub>.

On the Receipts and Payments during the 4th Quarter of 1823, balance in the Treasury, . . . \$1851<sup>35</sup>/<sub>100</sub>.

Which were read, and on motion made and seconded, were severally adopted.

Brother Thomas Kittera, R. W. Senior Grand Warden elect, was installed into his office in Ancient and Solemn form, and being duly proclaimed, he received the cordial and accustomed salutations of the Brethren.

A Petition was received and read from Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 143, held at Chambersburg, praying for permission to take another ballot for the admission of John Jacobs, a rejected candidate for initiation. Whereupon,

On motion made and Seconded,

Resolved,

That the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

The following appointments of District Deputy Grand Masters, made by the R. W. Grand Master on St. John's day last, was ordered to be entered on the minutes, Viz :



Brother Morgan Neville, Esquire, of the City of Pittsburg, for the district composed of the Counties of Westmoreland, Allegheny, Fayette, Greene, Washington, Butler, Beaver, Venango, Warren, Crawford, Mercer, Erie, Armstrong, Jefferson and Indiana.

Brother Garrick Mallory, Esquire, of Wilkesbarre, for the district composed of the Counties of Luzerne, Pike, Wayne and Susquehanna, During the continuance of his Worship in office unless sooner superseded or revoked, and revoking all former Commissions.

A Report and Account were received and read from the Trustees of the Masonic Loans and ordered to be entered on the minutes and are as follows :

At a stated meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Masonic Loans, held at the Hall of the Grand Lodge in Philadelphia, on Monday, the 5th January, 1824.

A Certificate or return of an Election held this morning, for the purpose of electing from among the Stockholders, Six persons to serve in conjunction with the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden, Junior Grand Warden, Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer as trustees of the Masonic Loans for one year and until a new Board shall be elected on the first Monday in January 1825, was read, whereby it appeared that Edward Burd, Stephen Girard, Thomas Hale, Thomas F. Leaming, James McAlpin and Solomon Allen were duly elected.

The Board proceeded to the Election of Officers for the ensuing year, when

Edward Burd, Esquire, was elected President.

Bernard Dahlgren, Secretary, and

Thomas Hale, Treasurer.

On motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That a copy of the Account of the Board of Trustees laid before the Stockholders this morning at their annual meeting be transmitted to the Grand Lodge for their information.

Extract from the Minutes,

BERNARD DAHLGREN,

Secretary of the Board of Trustees.

## Dr. Sinking Fund of the Masonic Loan

1823.

March	3.	To Cost of \$527 $\frac{21}{100}$ of U. S. 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ Cent Stock of 1812 at 103 $\frac{1}{4}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ Cent, . . . . .	545.09
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August	18.	To Cost of \$500 Masonic Loan a 99 $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ Ct., . .	497.50
Septem.	30.	" Do 1,000 Ditto par, . . . . .	1000.00
Decem <sup>r</sup> .	31.	" Interest on \$759 $\frac{50}{100}$ for 3 M <sup>o</sup> ., . . . . .	11.40
			<u>1,508.90</u>

1824.

January	5.	To Balance due T. Hale, Treas <sup>r</sup> ., . . . . .	61.90
Present Amount of Sinking Fund.			
		204 Shares of Masonic Loan a par, . . . . .	20,400
		U. S. Six $\frac{3}{4}$ Cent Stock Do., . . . . .	2,467.42
		40 Shares Farmers and Mechanics Bank Stock, . . . .	2,000.
			<u>\$24,867.42</u>

The above is submitted for the information of the Stock-holders of the Masonic Loans.

In Account Current with Thomas Hale, Treasurer.

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1823.

January	2.	By $\frac{1}{4}$ Interest on \$1939 $\frac{4}{100}$ 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ Cents due 1st Instant, . . . . .	29.09
"	17.	By 6 months Interest on \$15,200 Masonic Loan, . . . . .	456.
"	18.	By 6 months Dividend on 40 Shares of Farmers and Mechanics Bank Stock, . . . . .	60.
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April	15.	By $\frac{1}{4}$ Interest on \$2467 $\frac{4}{100}$ Six $\frac{3}{4}$ Cent Stock due 1st Inst., . . . . .	37.
July	15.	By Ditto Ditto . . . . .	37.
"	15.	By dividend on 40 Shares of Farmers and Mechanics Bk. Stock, . . . . .	60.
Augt.	12.	By 6 months Interest on \$18,900 Masonic Loan, . . . . .	567.
Oct.	20.	By $\frac{1}{4}$ Interest on \$2467 $\frac{4}{100}$ 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ Ct., . . . . .	37.
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1824.

Jan <sup>r</sup> .	1.	By Dividend on 40 Shares of Farmers and Mechanics Bk. Stock, . . . . .	60.
"	1.	By $\frac{1}{4}$ Interest on \$2467 $\frac{4}{100}$ 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ Cents, . . . . .	37.
"	3.	By 6 months Interest on \$20,400 Masonic Loan, . . . . .	612.
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			709.
"	5.	By Balance due T. Hale, Treasurer, . . . . .	61.90
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			1,508.90
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E. Excepted,

THOMAS HALE, Treasurer,

Philad<sup>a</sup>, 5th January, 1824.

The Committee of Finance to whom was referred the petition of Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 61, praying for a remission of dues, reported that they had duly considered the subject and offered the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the whole income of the Grand Lodge after deducting the necessary expenses, being by a public Act Solemnly pledged to the payment of the Interest and the gradual reduction of the Masonic Loans, it is not in the power of this Grand Lodge to remit dues or grant charity, until the said Loans shall have been paid off, which it is now ascertained will be effected in a few years if Masonry should continue to flourish as at present and the Lodges exert themselves to discharge their dues punctually.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to credit Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 61 with Thirty two Dollars, that amount having been paid by the Lodge to Brother George Syter, for which the Grand Lodge had received his Note on granting the Warrant.

Resolved, That in consequence of the difficulties and embarrassments which Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 61 have had to contend with, that on the payment of the sum of Two Hundred Dollars, the Grand Secretary be authorized to allow further time for the payment of the balance.

Which, On motion made and seconded, were adopted.

The same Committee to whom was referred the petition of Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 46, praying for a remission of dues, made an unfavorable report, which was adopted.

A Constitution for the government of Royal Arch Masonry agreed to by the Committee of conference and adopted by the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter was received and read and on motion made and seconded, was amended and as amended adopted in the words following, to wit:

Constitution

of the

M. E. Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Pennsylvania.

*Article 1.*

The Most Excellent Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter shall

be constituted of all the members of the Grand Lodge for the time being, who are Royal Arch Masons and have received the honorary degree of Mark Master, and been accepted and received Most Excellent Masters and who have passed the Chair of a Lodge by Election and are contributing members of some Subordinate Chapter; of all High Priests, Kings and Scribes for the time being, of Subordinate Chapters under this Jurisdiction who are qualified as aforesaid and of all Past High Priests of Subordinate Chapters under this Jurisdiction who are qualified as aforesaid, continuing members of such subordinate Chapters.

*Article 2.*

The Grand Chapter shall hold Semi Annual meetings on the third Monday in May and November in every year; they shall also meet on their own adjournments and on the order of the M. E. G. H. P. They shall have power to elect their own Officers, make their own Bye Laws, Rules and Regulations for their Government; to regulate, superintend and control the Bye Laws, Rules and Regulations of subordinate Chapters, Mark Masters and Most Excellent Master's Lodges under their Jurisdiction; to grant Warrants for holding H. R. Arch Chapters, Mark Master's and Most Excellent Master's Lodges and the same to suspend, revoke and restore at pleasure and to exercise Jurisdiction over the same; the Warrants to be granted to Chapters now in existence shall be without charge for the same, and shall bear the numbers which the said Chapters respectively now bear; the Warrants to be granted to Chapters hereafter to be organized shall be numbered in order commencing from the Chapter which now bears the highest number, Provided, that no person shall continue to be a member of any Chapter a longer time than Six months after he shall have ceased to be a member of a Blue Lodge.

*Article 3.*

The Grand Chapter shall annually pay over to the Grand Lodge the balance of money in hand after deducting their expenditures, to be appropriated to the Sinking Fund until

the debt now due by the Grand Lodge shall be paid, after which the Grand Lodge shall have no claim upon the funds of the Grand Chapter, but the same shall be at their own disposal.

*Article 4.*

From and after the adoption of this Constitution, no Chapter under its Jurisdiction shall after notice thereof, exalt any Brother to the degree of Holy Royal Arch, without his having previously become a Past Master, Mark Master and Most Excellent Master.

*Article 5.*

All Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter contrary to the foregoing Constitution, shall be and the same are hereby repealed and made nul and void.

*Article 6.*

No alteration or amendment to this Constitution shall be made, unless the same be proposed at one stated Semi-Annual Meeting of the Grand Chapter and adopted at or after a subsequent stated Semi-Annual meeting of the said Grand Chapter by at least two thirds of the Members of the Grand Chapter then present.

*Article 7.*

This Constitution shall go into operation on and from and after the Semi-Annual meeting in May next.

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The Committee appointed on the 27th Decem<sup>r</sup>. 1823, to enquire into the circumstances relating to the late election of Officers of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 102, held at Frankford, made the following Report :

That in obedience to the directions of Grand Lodge they have attended to that duty and in order to ascertain with correctness the facts relative to the Election in question, they notified generally the members of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 102 to attend at the Committee Room of the Masonic Hall, on Wednesday last, at 11 o'clock, A. M., so that a full and fair hearing might be had, at which time and place 13 members of said Lodge attended. The Minutes of the last stated night of meeting of

Jerusalem Lodge, N<sup>o</sup>. 102, having been read, it appeared that this being the regular night for the Election of Officers, the Lodge proceeded to the election of Worshipful Master, 19 members being present, and upon counting the Ballots it appeared that 14 Votes had been given in; of which Brother T. K. Penrose had 9 Votes and Brother Kenton (at that time Senior Warden) 5 Votes, and that Brother Penrose had a majority of the whole number of votes given in for W. M.

The alleged irregularity as it regards the Election, and which was the particular object of investigation by your Committee, was, that brother Penrose, who had never served as a Warden in any Lodge should be promoted to the Chair, in preference to the claims of Brother Kenton, the Senior Warden and a candidate for the station of W. M.

In our book of constitutions, the Ahiman Rezon, it is expressly stated, "Page 47, Sec. 5," "no Brother can be Master of a Lodge, till he has first served the Office of Warden somewhere, unless in *extraordinary* cases, or when a new Lodge is to be formed, and no Past or former Warden "is to be found among the Members."

The enquiry then simply resolves itself into this proposition: was there in the case of this Election any such Masonic or Moral disabilities attaching to the characters and conduct of the Wardens, and Past Masters of this Lodge, as to warrant the Members of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 102 in passing by those legally entitled to promotion, and selecting a Brother from the floor to fill the important station of W. M.?

After a careful and attentive hearing of the testimony of the worthy Brethren of this Lodge, the minutes of which are herewith presented, your Committee are decidedly of opinion that in this instance no extraordinary cause existed for travelling out of the boundaries prescribed for the Craft as it regards Election, and they therefore pronounce the Election of Brother Penrose as W. M. to be irregular and unmasonic.

Your Committee are happy to state that in the matters referred to them, relative to the election, there is not the least ground to suspect that the irregularity was brought about by any private pique, jealousy, or personal hostility, the members

in their examination appearing to harmonise in a fraternal and affectionate manner, and it is to be inferred from the evidence taken that they were actuated by the desire of promoting the interests of the Lodge, and the error committed may be properly ascribed to its true source, want of correct information on the subject.

Errors of this kind have more than once occurred, and will occur again and again, unless the Craft are furnished with the means of ascertaining with precision the rules by which they are to be regulated. The Ancient Book of Constitutions, the Ahiman Rezon, is nearly out of print; the Lodges in the Country which possess this text book are frequently at a loss how to reconcile the difference in the Rules and regulations there prescribed, and those actually existing by authority of the Grand Lodge.

They are aware that a Committee has long since been appointed to revise the old and report a new edition of the Ahiman Rezon; this edition has been anxiously expected and loudly called for and your Committee trust it will not be deemed officious or foreign from the nature of their present report, to hope that the Craft under the Jurisdiction of the R. W. G. L. of Pennsylvania may soon be furnished with a well digested Book of Constitutions.

In conclusion, your Committee respectfully submit to G. L. the following resolutions:

1<sup>st</sup>. Resolved, That the election of Brother Penrose as W. M. of Jerusalem Lodge, N<sup>o</sup>. 102, was irregular and should be set aside.

2<sup>nd</sup>. Resolved, That an election for W. M. of said Lodge, and such other officers as may be necessary, be authorized at such time as the R. W. G. M. may appoint.

W<sup>m</sup>. BOYD,  
J. W. ROWLAND, } Committee.  
JOHN PEARCE,

Philad<sup>a</sup>. January 5th, 1824.

Which report and resolutions on motion made and seconded, were adopted and the R. W. Grand Master appointed Saturday next the 10th Inst. for holding the said Election.



The following resolution was offered by Brother T. B. Freeman and ordered to be laid on the Table :

Resolved, That the Committee appointed by this Grand Lodge to revise and amend the Book of Constitutions, commonly called Ahiman Rezon, be requested to report the result of their labours at the next quarterly Communication.

The Committee appointed on the 2nd June last, in the case of P—— D—— for unlawful carnal intercourse with Brother C—— K——'s step daughter, reported for the consideration of the Grand Lodge a Resolution, which on motion made and seconded, was amended, and adopted as amended in the words following, to wit :

Resolved, That Brother P—— D—— be and he is hereby expelled from all his rights and privileges as a free and accepted Mason.

Grand Lodge closed in harmony at  $\frac{1}{4}$  past 10 o'clock, P. M.

B. DAHLGREN,

Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, March 1st, A. D. 1824, A. L. 5824.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present :

Brother JAMES HARPER, R. W. Deputy G. M., In the Chair.

“ Thomas Kittera, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

“ Samuel Badger, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.

“ Bernard Dahlgren, R. W. Grand Secretary.

“ Benj. Stephens, Deputy Grand Secretary.

“ Sam. H. Perkins, Senior Grand Deacon, Pro tem.

“ Junior Grand Deacon, Pro tem.

“ William Rogers, } Grand Chaplains.

“ William E. Ashton, }

“ Joseph Rowland, Grand Pursuivant, Pro tem.

“ Samuel F. Bradford, } R. W. Past Grand Masters.

“ Josiah Randall, }

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 52, 59, 61, 67, 71, 72, 91, 114, 121, 126, 130, 131, 134, 158, 160, 176, 186 and 187 represented.

Twenty Two Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in form at half past 6 o'clock in the evening.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Grand Communication of December 1<sup>st</sup>, 1823, of the General Grand Communication of December 27, 1823, and of the Adjourned Quarterly Grand Communication of January 5th, 1824, were read and severally approved.

The R. W. Grand Master was announced and received with the usual honors.

The Grand Secretary made the following Report which was read and adopted :

To The R. W. Grand Lodge of Penns<sup>a</sup> :

The Grand Secretary respectfully reports that the Warrants of the following Lodges have been suspended for neglecting to make Returns under a Resolution passed by the Grand Lodge 2 August, 1823, Viz :

N<sup>o</sup>. 70, held at Athens.

“ 120, “ “ Tioga.

“ 177, “ “ Pike County.

“ 60, “ “ Brownsville.

“ 22, “ “ Sunbury.

He also reports that the following Lodges have lost their right of representation in this Grand Lodge and have been notified of their delinquency conformable to the 22<sup>nd</sup> Regulation of the Grand Lodge :

N<sup>o</sup>. 21, Held at Harrisburg.

“ 25, “ “ Bristol.

“ 115, “ “ Philadelphia.

“ 127, “ “ Ditto.

“ 128, “ “ Ditto.

Respectfully Submitted,

B. DAHLGREN,

Grand Secretary.

Philadelphia, 1<sup>st</sup> March, 1824.

The following Returns from Subordinate Lodges were presented and read, Viz :

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 2, held at Philadelphia. General Returns for 1823, Containing the suspension of B—— H—— for non payment of dues.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 3, held at Philad<sup>a</sup>. Cont<sup>s</sup> the suspension of J—— T——, J—— B——, G—— C——, W—— S. J——, G—— M——, T—— M——, J—— S——, S—— M. S—— and J—— S. W—— for non payment of dues.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 9, Held at Philadelphia. General Returns for 1823.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 19, held at Philadelphia. General Returns for 1823.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 21, held at Harrisburg. General Returns for 1823.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 43, held at Lancaster. Account of Dues. Return of Members for 1822, containing the Suspension of H—— H——, J—— M——, A—— I. H—— and J—— M—— for non payment of dues.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 45, held at Pittsburg. General Returns for 1823, Cont<sup>s</sup> the suspensions of C—— I——, W—— H. W——, J—— L——, J—— R—— and A—— C—— for non payment of dues.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 46, held at Ephrata. General Returns from June, 1823, to Feb. 14, 1824, cont<sup>s</sup> the suspensions of S—— R—— and D—— C—— for non payment of dues.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 51, held at Philadelphia. General Returns for 1823, cont<sup>s</sup> the suspensions of E—— W. C—— and R—— P. M<sup>c</sup>C—— for non payment of dues.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 59, held at Philadelphia. General Returns for 1823, Cont<sup>s</sup> the Suspensions of L—— O'B—— and W—— N—— for non payment of dues.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 64, held in Greensburg. General Returns for 1823, cont<sup>s</sup> the Rejections of D—— K——, I—— E——, Jr., and A—— W——.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 69, held at Chester. Election Return for 1823.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 73, held in Philadelphia. General Returns for 1823.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 81, held at Germantown. General Returns for 1823.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 82, held at Milford, Pike County. General Returns from June to December, 1822, containing the expulsion of

I—— N—— for Unmasonic conduct and the Rejection of  
T—— S——.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 91, held at Philadelphia. General Returns for  
1823, containing the suspensions of J—— D——, P. S——,  
J—— M. K——, J—— T——, M—— W——, J——  
T—— and T—— H—— for Non payment of Dues.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 102, held at Frankfort. Election return for a W.  
M. held by authority of Grand Lodge, 10 January, 1824.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 114, held at Philadelphia. General Returns for  
1823, cont<sup>g</sup> the suspension of M—— M—— for non pay-  
ment of dues. Also, a letter dated 28 Feb., 1824, from the  
Secretary Cont<sup>g</sup> the suspensions of R—— H——, W——  
K——, S—— O——, A—— B—— and J—— J—— for  
non payment of dues on the 19 Feb., 1824.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 115, held at Philadelphia. General Returns for  
1823.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 121, held at Philadelphia. General Returns for  
1823.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 122, held at New Orleans. Return of Members  
from June, 1820, to Dec., 1823. Account of Dues from  
Ditto to Ditto.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 123, held at York. Return of Members for 1823.  
Account of Dues for 1823.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 124, held at Erie. Account of Dues from June,  
1816, to Dec., 1820.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 125, held at Philadelphia. General Returns for  
1823, cont<sup>g</sup> the suspensions of I. G. L—— and H——  
S—— for non payment of dues.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 126, Held at Philadelphia. General Returns for  
1823.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 127, held at Philadelphia. General Returns for  
1823, containing the suspensions of J—— C——, T——  
S——, F—— S——, D—— C——, W—— L. N——,  
G—— M——, J—— B. H——, F—— W——, D——  
M——, J—— P. E——, H—— S——, W—— E. M——  
and W—— B. L—— for non payment of dues, also of  
G—— P. D——, Dues.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 128, held at Philadelphia. General Returns for

1823, containing the Suspensions of M—— K——, G—— G——, M—— R—— and G—— M<sup>c</sup>C—— for non payment of dues.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 130, held at Philadelphia. General Returns for 1823.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 134, held at Philadelphia. General Returns for 1823.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 135, held at Roxborough. General Returns for 1823, Containing the Suspensions of W—— F——, J—— G—— and D—— W—— for non payment of Dues.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 138, held at Orwigsburg. Account of Dues from 1813 to Dec., 1822. General Returns for 1823, cont<sup>s</sup> the expulsion of A—— R—— for unmasonic conduct in embezzling the Funds of the Lodge.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 139, held in Philadelphia. General Returns for 1823.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 142, held near Sadsburyville. Election Returns for 1823; also, a Communication from the Secretary dated January 17, 1824, cont<sup>s</sup> the rejection of P—— I. W——.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 143, held at Chambersburg. General Returns for 1823, cont<sup>s</sup> the suspensions of J—— F—— and H—— C—— for Non payment of dues and the Rejection of I—— S——.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 144, held at Milton. General Returns for 1823.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 149, held at Montrose. Return of Members from Dec., 1818 to Dec., 1822, Containing the Rejections of J—— S. A—— and W—— A. B——. Election Returns for 1822.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 155, held at Philadelphia. General Returns for 1823, Cont<sup>s</sup> the expulsions of L—— A—— and I—— J—— for Unmasonic conduct.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 158, held at Philadelphia. General Returns for 1823, Containing the suspension of J—— G—— for Non payment of Dues.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 159, held at Danville. General Returns for 1823, containing the Rejection of J—— C. H——.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 160, held at Philadelphia. General Returns for 1823, containing the suspension of W—— C—— for Non payment of Dues.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 162, held at New London Cross Roads. General Returns for 1823, containing the expulsion of S—— D—— for unmasonic conduct and the suspension of I—— H—— for one year for intoxication.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 163, held at Towanda. Return of Members for 1823. Account of Dues for 1823. Election Return for 1823.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 164, held at Washington, Penns<sup>a</sup>. General Returns for 1823, containing the suspensions of J—— M<sup>c</sup>C—— and J—— A—— for Non payment of dues.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 165, held in Pittsburg. General Returns for 1823, containing the suspension of J—— S—— for non payment of Dues.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 168, held at Doylestown. General Returns for 1823, containing the suspensions of J—— M——, P—— C——, J—— B—— and S—— M—— for non payment of Dues.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 169, held in Columbia. General Returns for 1823.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 174, held at Downingtown. Account of Dues for 1822.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 176, held at Mount Pleasant, Westmoreland C<sup>y</sup>. General Returns for 1823.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 178, held at Huntingdon. General Returns for 1823.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 183, held at the Gen. Jackson, Chester C<sup>y</sup>. Return of Members from Sept., 1822 to Dec., 1823, containing the Rejection of R—— M——. Account of Dues for the same time. Election Return for 1823.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 187, held at Philadelphia. Return of Members for 1823, containing the Rejection of E—— B. P——. Account of Dues for 1823. Election Returns for 1823.

The following Communications were received and read and ordered to be filed :

From the Grand Lodge of North Carolina for 1823.

From the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire for 1823.

From the Grand Lodge of Ditto containing their Regulations, June, 1823.

From the Grand Lodge of New Jersey for 1823.

The Bye-Laws of Lodges N<sup>o</sup>. 126 and 160 were presented

and read and on motion made and seconded, were referred to the Committee on Bye Laws.

A Bill for Stationery furnished the Grand Treasurer during the past year by Robert De Silver amounting to \$6<sup>50</sup>/<sub>100</sub> was read and on motion made and seconded, ordered to be paid.

The Committee on Bye Laws made the following Report :

To The R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

The Committee on Bye Laws to whom was referred the Bye Laws of Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 50, for examination, respectfully report :

That they have attended to that duty and beg leave to offer the following Amendments, Viz :

In Article 3<sup>rd</sup>, line 3<sup>rd</sup>, between the words " day " and " and " insert the following words, *Said election shall be conducted in the manner provided for by the 2nd Chapter of the Book of Constitution of the G. L. of Pennsylvania and their duty, as well as every member of the Lodge, shall be the same as is laid down in said chapter.*

Article 4. Strike out the whole article and insert *Application for Initiation or Membership shall be by petition in writing, recommended by at least two Master Masons who are Members of the Lodge, when a Committee of three Master Masons members of the Lodge who are not the recommending Brethren shall be appointed to make the necessary enquiry, a majority of whom shall report in writing at the next stated meeting, when the Candidate shall be balloted for, and if unanimously approved of, be admitted or initiated; transient persons or sojourners may notwithstanding, be exempt from this Rule by dispensation from the R. W. G. Master.*

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN UHLE.

S. WONDERLY.

Which was read and on motion made and Seconded, was adopted.

A letter was received and read from the Secretary of Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 64, praying permission to take a second Ballot for Daniel Kistler, and on motion made and seconded, the prayer of the petitioners was granted.

An Account from Bro. Joseph Kingsbury, District Deputy Grand Master, for Dispensations granted by him in 1822 and 1823 was read, exhibiting a balance in favor of Grand Lodge of \$15,1<sup>2</sup>/<sub>10</sub>, which was ordered to be filed.

A Petition from Lodge No. 143 was received and read, praying Grand Lodge to grant them an exemption from Grand Lodge dues for the years 1823 and 1824, in aid of the funds for the erection of a Masonic Hall in Chambersburg, which on motion made and seconded, was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following Report was received and read :

The Committee appointed to collect from L. Griskie the Amount of his account due the Gas Committee for Gas Oil as  $\P$  Statement of Bro. Thomas F. Gordon, Report, That they have attended to that duty and have collected the Amount of \$31.64 from said L. Griskie, being the Amount due him as per account rendered, and have paid the same into the hands of the Grand Treasurer as  $\P$  Receipt.

Philadelphia, Feb. 26, 1824.

W<sup>m</sup>. BOYD,  
EMMOR T. WEAVER, } Committee.

And, On motion made and seconded, was adopted.

Brother Dahlgren with leave laid the following Resolution on the Table :

Resolved, That the resolution passed 20th October, 1823, enforcing returns from the Subordinate Lodges be reconsidered.

A Communication from I. G. Brinckle, W. M. of Washington Lodge, No. 1, Wilmington, Delaware, dated 15 January, 1824, was received and read stating as follows: "A person calling himself Joseph Woodward was in this place some weeks ago, and stated that a few days before that he had seen many thousand Dollars of counterfeit Bank Notes filled up at Hall's Tavern near Strasburg. He represented himself to be a Mason, and Stated that none but Masons were admitted into the Society. He was understood to have lately removed from the Neighborhood of Strasburg to Philadelphia."



Which was laid on the Table.

A Report from the Gas Committee of last year was received and read, when on motion made and seconded,

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to pay to Bro. Geo. H. Burgin, late Gas Committee, the sum of One Hundred and fifty Dollars as an additional appropriation for defraying the expenses of the Gas manufactory during the last year.

Two letters from Bro. Henry Keffer, Past Master of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 43, dated 16th and 26th Febr<sup>y</sup>. 1824, were read, when on motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge has learnt with great satisfaction the determined and successful opposition made by Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 43, to a late attempt of innovation on the old forms and ceremonies of our ancient institution, and that it will be the pride of this Grand Lodge, as it is their duty, to support the efforts of the Lodge to maintain the purity of those forms and ceremonies.

Resolved, That the proceedings of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 43 subsequently to 27 December are hereby sanctioned and that the said Lodge have leave to hold an election on the 10 Instant, for W. Master, Junior Warden and Secretary and such other Officers as may be necessary, and to instal the Officers so elected.

The Report of the Committee appointed 27 December, 1823, on the application of M<sup>r</sup>. V. Guillou to vacate his lease was read ; also, a letter from M<sup>r</sup>. Guillou dated 3 January, 1824, demanding indemnity for Losses sustained by him in consequence of being deprived of Gas Light on several occasions, and complaining of the conduct of the Grand Tyler. Also, so much of a Statement of the late Gas Committee as relates to Gas light supplied to M<sup>r</sup>. Guillou last year and which he refuses to pay. Whereupon, on motion made and seconded,

Resolved, That the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, Senior and Junior Grand Wardens, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer and the Members of the Hall Committee, be a joint Committee with plenary powers to vacate the Lease to M<sup>r</sup>. Guillou at such period as they may deem it expedient, to rent or lease the

premises to any other person or persons on such terms and conditions as in their discretion may appear most advantageous to the interest of the Grand Lodge; to examine, adjust and settle all matters of account between the Grand Lodge and M<sup>r</sup>. Guillou and to hear, investigate and determine all matters of dispute or complaint by the said Guillou, with or against the Grand Lodge or any of its Committees or Officers.

The following Report was received and read from Bro. William R. Smith, District Deputy Grand Master:

Harrisburg, Feb. 2, 1824.

R. W. Sir and Brother:

Your communication of January 7 enclosing a Resolution of the R. W. Grand Lodge approbatory of my conduct as D. D. G. M. for the 3<sup>d</sup> Masonic District has been duly received. I feel highly gratified with having obtained the honor of a Vote of thanks of the R. W. Grand Lodge and in return, promise that my duties shall be faithfully performed.

I also acknowledge the receipt of a Warrant, dated December 27, 1823, under the authority of the R. W. John B. Gibson, Esq., constituting me as District Deputy Grand Master for the District composed of the Counties of Dauphin, Mifflin, Centre, Huntingdon, Bedford, Somerset and Cambria. For this continued confidence of the R. W. Grand Master, I feel greatly honored, and my efforts shall be unremitted to deserve the station by a strict attention to the interests of the Grand Lodge and the welfare of the Craft.

Herewith you will receive the Return of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 178, Huntingdon, Pa. which has been remitted to me from Huntingdon. The sum due by the Lodge as pr. the Return, shall be paid to the G. Treasurer as soon as the same is sent to me from our Treasurer which I daily expect. At all events on my visit to the City, which will shortly take place I will pay the Amount and take a receipt in name of the Lodge, as I feel confident that the want of a private opportunity has been the only reason why the sum has not been remitted.

The sum which I hold in my hands on account of the

Grand Lodge, received by me for Dispensations, shall also be paid over to the Grand Treasurer as soon as I arrive in the City.

In addition to the Dispensations which were granted by me during the last year and of which I have made report to the Grand Lodge, I now make the following Statement of duties performed and monies received :

January 6, 1824, Brethren William G. Scott, John B. Sterigere and James Kelton, Jun., having been recommended to me by Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 21, Harrisburg, as Master Masons, worthy to receive the degree of Past Masters, I issued a Dispensation for each Brother and subsequently conferred the degree of Past Master on each applicant.

January 17, 1824, Brother Samuel Hays having been recommended to me by Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 21, as a Master Mason worthy to receive the Degree of Past Master, I issued a Dispensation and subsequently conferred the degree of Past Master on Samuel Hays.

January 24, 1824, Brother William Divin having been recommended to me by Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 21, as a Master Mason worthy to receive the degree of Past Master, I issued a dispensation and subsequently conferred the degree of Past Master on Bro. William Divin.

January 30, 1824, Brethren Joshua Hunt and Jacob Herrington having been recommended to me by Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 21, as Master Masons worthy to receive the degree of Past Masters, I issued a dispensation for each Brother, and subsequently conferred the degree on each applicant.

I feel much pleasure in thus being enabled to encrease the funds of the R. W. Grand Lodge, and in order that the reason may be perfectly understood why there should be such a Number of applications to receive dispensations at this time, I state to the Grand Lodge that a number of the members of the Legislature have been and are anxious to proceed in the art, and until this winter no Grand Officer was present to enable the applicant to take his advancement by means of a dispensation.

Be pleased to lay this Communication before the Grand

Lodge, and for yourself accept the assurances of my affection and esteem.

W<sup>m</sup>. R. SMITH, D. D. G. M.

R. W. Bernard Dahlgren, Esq<sup>r</sup>.,

Grand Secretary,  
Philadelphia.

Which was ordered to be filed.

On motion made by Bro. Dahlgren and Seconded,

Resolved, That in future the Bye Laws of the Subordinate Lodges be handed by the Grand Secretary to the Chairman of the Committee on Bye Laws for examination, previous to their being presented to the Grand Lodge.

On motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Master, or in his absence the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, is hereby authorized to issue Certificates of Masonic Debt not redeemable before the 1<sup>st</sup> January, 1840, to whomsoever Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 59 may desire and designate for the Sum of Two Hundred Dollars due to the said Lodge, the said Certificates to be used for the purpose of paying the Account of the Grand Lodge against the said Lodge.

On motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to enquire into the expediency of procuring a New Seal and Seal Press for the Grand Secretary's Office.

The R. W. Grand Master appointed Brothers James Harper, Thomas Kittera and Samuel Badger on the above Committee.

On motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Landmarks be instructed to enquire how far the proceedings of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 91 in Accepting the resignation of Samuel de Bruin with a knowledge of the sentence which had just been passed upon him by a Court of Justice, were or were not regular, and to report thereon.

On motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 126 be authorized to hold an election on the stated meeting of the present month for Senior Warden and such other Officers as may be required by the Advancement of any other to the station, to serve until St. John's day in December next.

A Petition was received and read from a Number of Ancient York Master Masons, praying for a Warrant to hold a Lodge in Alvarado in the Republic of Mexico, to be called "Hermanos legitimor de la luz del Papalvapan," and that Brother Francisco de Paula Lopez, might be the first Master, Brother Jose Maria Guisasota, the first Senior Warden, and Brother Jose Lucas de Aguibra, the first Junior Warden of the same. Which Petition being in due form and recommended agreeably to the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge it was on motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that the prayer of the Petition be granted, that Brother Grand Secretary make out a Warrant accordingly and that the same be numbered One Hundred and Ninety one.

A letter was received and read from Sam. W. Preston, P. M. of Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 168, requesting information respecting the granting of a Certificate to Bro. Ashton, which on motion made and seconded, was referred to the Committee on Landmarks.

A Communication from Bro. William B. Foster, Secretary of Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 173, was received and read praying Grand Lodge to Sanction the initiation of Samuel Kingston and to grant permission to pass and raise him to the Sublime degree of Master Mason.

When On motion made and seconded,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

The Reverend Brother Abner Kneeland made a representation of the extreme poverty and distress of Brother Philip Todd, formerly in the employ of the Grand Lodge as Gas Manufacturer, now lying on his death bed in a far advanced stage of consumption. When on motion by Bro. Randall made and seconded,

Resolved, That the case of Brother Philip Todd be recommended to the immediate attention of the individual Members of the Grand Lodge and of the subordinate Lodges.

The Committee on Finance made the following Report :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

The Committee on Finance beg leave to submit a Statement of Receipts and Payments from the 27 December, 1822, to the

27 Decem., 1823, together with an exhibit of the general state of the finances of the Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted by

WILLIAM PAGE,  
ROBERT TOLAND,  
W<sup>m</sup>. BOYD,  
D. E. WILSON.

Philad<sup>a</sup>. February 25, 1824.

Exhibit of the State of the Finances of Gd. Lodge.

Total Amount of Debt due by Gd. Lodge,   \$100,000

Deduct the following Stock which constitutes  
the Sinking Fund.

204 Shares of Masonic Loan at

Par., . . . . . \$20,400

U. States 6  $\frac{3}{4}$  Cent Stock at Par.,   2,467.42

40 Shares Farmers and M's Stock,   2,000

————— 24,867.42

\$75,132.58

The Arrears from subordinate Lodges cannot be ascertained for want of Returns from a number of the Lodges in the Country.

The resources of the Grand Lodge for the payment of the Interest on, and the gradual redemption of the debt stated above, will be seen by a reference to the within Account. The receipts are equal to about \$9,000 and the disbursements amount to about \$8,000, leaving about \$1,000 to be appropriated annually to the Sinking Fund.

Payments for the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, { from 27 Dec<sup>r</sup>, 1822, } Receipts.  
 { to 27 Dec 1823, }

Interest, . . . . .	5.763.	Dues including Rent, Fuel and Lighting	
Debts contracted in former years, . . . . .	1,305.13	from City Lodges, . . . . .	\$4,475.08
Hall Committee's Disbursements, . . . . .	467.56	Dues from Lodges in the Country and else-	
Gas Committee's " . . . . .	59.25	where, . . . . .	2,069.70
Grand Secretary's Salary, . . . . .	500.		—\$6,544.78
Ditto		Rent of Lower Rooms of the Hall, . . . . .	1,525.
As Sec <sup>y</sup> of Trustees of Masonic Loans, . . 150.		Warrants, . . . . .	243.
		Disbursements, . . . . .	667.87
Tyling and Serving Notices, . . . . .	650.	Grand Lodge Certificates, . . . . .	52.
Printing, . . . . .	213.	Collected from outstanding subscriptions for Re-	
Premium of Insurance against Fire, . . . . .	110.97	building Hall, . . . . .	91.50
Postage and Stationery, . . . . .	78.75	Incidental Receipts, . . . . .	9.12
Grand Lecturer, . . . . .	64.75		
Expenses of Grand Committee, . . . . .	125.		
Incidental disbursements, . . . . .	207.59		
	30.83		
Total Payments, . . . . .	\$9,075.83	Total Receipts, . . . . .	\$9,133.27
Balance in the Treasury 27 Dec., 1822, was . . .	1,793.91		
Add Receipts during 1823, . . . . .	9,133.27		
Deduct Payments during 1823, . . . . .	10,927.18		
Balance in Treas <sup>r</sup> , 27 Dec <sup>r</sup> , 1823, . . .	9,075.83		
	1,851.35		

Which Report was on motion made and seconded, adopted and ordered to be communicated to the Subordinate Lodges.

The Committee on Finance made the following Report :

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred the Resolution of the Grand Committee, adopted by the Grand Lodge, requiring information of dues remitted to the subordinate Lodges and sums expended by the Grand Lodge in Refreshments during the Sixteen years last past,

Respectfully Report,

That after a careful examination of the Accounts of the subordinate Lodges under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, they have found but one instance of dues remitted to a Subordinate Lodge within the time of Sixteen years preceeding the 20 October, 1823, which was Eighty two Dollars  $\frac{80}{100}$ , Dues relinquished to Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 62, at Reading on the 20 July, 1810.

That no money has been expended by the Grand Lodge for Refreshments during the same time.

Respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM PAGE,  
WILLIAM BOYD,  
D. E. WILSON.

Philad<sup>a</sup>. 19 Feb., 1824.

Which on motion made and seconded, was adopted and ordered to be communicated to the subordinate Lodges.

On motion made by Brother Randall and seconded,

Resolved, That the practice of the Members of the Grand Lodge and subordinate Lodges, rising on the entrance of the Past Grand Masters and Past Masters ought to be discontinued.

Resolved, That the foregoing Resolution be communicated to the subordinate Lodges.

Brother Randall with leave laid the following Resolutions on the Table :

Resolved, That the Warrant of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 61, be vacated for delinquency of Dues.

Resolved, That the above Resolution be made the order of the day for the first Monday in June next.



Communications were received and read from Lodges N<sup>o</sup>. 116, N<sup>o</sup>. 123 and N<sup>o</sup>. 169 relative to P—— D——, who was expelled by this Grand Lodge on the 5th day of January, 1824, which, no communication on the subject having been received from P—— D——, were ordered to be laid on the Table.

A letter from the Officers of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 45, held at Pittsburg, and addressed to the R. W. Deputy Grand Master was received and read, enquiring if W—— P—— could be admitted a Member of the said Lodge, When on motion by Brother Bradford and seconded,

Resolved, That

Whereas, W—— P—— of Pittsburg was rejected by Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 45 of that place and afterwards went to the State of New York where it is said he was entered, passed and raised in one of the Lodges of that State, which would not have taken place had that Lodge been informed of his rejection. And Whereas, such impositions and practices deserve censure and punishment, it is hereby ordered by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania that the said W—— P—— be debarred from visiting or becoming a Member of any of the Lodges under the Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, and that the Grand Secretary communicate this regulation to the said Lodges.

On motion by Bro. Bradford and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee appointed in the case of W—— P—— on the 18th November, 1822, be discharged.

On motion made and seconded, the Committee appointed on the 27th October last on application from Members of the late Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 110 was discharged, and the said application was referred to Brothers Samuel F. Bradford, Abner Kneeland and Henry Benner.

Grand Lodge closed in harmony at  $\frac{1}{4}$  past 10 o'clock, P. M.

B. DAHLGREN,  
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, A. D. 1824, A. L. 5824.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present :

Bro. JAMES HARPER, R. W. D. G. M., In the Chair.

“ Anthony Fannen, R. W. S. G. Warden, P. T.

“ John W. Harris, R. W. J. G. Warden, P. T.

“ Benj. Stephens, R. W. G. Secretary, P. T.

“ A. Cornman, Senior Gd. Deacon, P. T.

“ Junior Gd. Deacon, P. T.

“ John M. Read, Grand Pursuivant, P. T.

“ Josiah Randall, R. W. P. Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 52, 81, 91, 102, 114, 126, 128, 134, 139, 155, 165, and 186 represented.

Sixteen Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in form at half past 7 o'clock in the evening.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Grand Communication of March 1<sup>st</sup>, 1824, were read and approved.

The Grand Secretary made the following Report which was read and adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

The Grand Secretary respectfully reports that since the last Meeting of the Grand Lodge, Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 128, held in the City of Philadelphia, has paid off her arrears so as to reduce them under Two years and is of course restored to her right of Representation in the Grand Lodge, and that Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 149, held at Montrose, having rendered complete returns up to the present time, her Warrant is consequently revived, all agreeably to the Regulations of the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Secretary exceedingly regrets that a long and protracted indisposition has rendered it out of his power to attend the Meeting of the Grand Lodge this evening.

Respectfully submitted,

B. DAHLGREN.

Grand Secretary.

A petition was received and read from Three Ancient York

Master Masons praying for a Warrant to hold a Lodge in the Borough of Bellefonte, in Centre County, Pennsylvania, to be called "The Central Lodge of Pennsylvania," and that Brother Thomas Burnside, might be the first Master, Brother Patrick Cambridge, the first Senior Warden, and Brother Charles Carpenter, the first Junior Warden of the same. Which petition not being signed by the number required nor recommended agreeably to the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge, it was on motion made and seconded,

Resolved, That the prayer of the Petitioners be granted on their complying with the 19<sup>th</sup> Article of the Rules and Regulations of this Grand Lodge and that Brother Grand Secretary then make out a Warrant to be Numbered One Hundred and Ninety two.

The following Returns from Subordinate Lodges were presented and read, viz :

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 22, held at Sunbury. Election Returns June, 1823.

Return of Members Dec., 1820. Account of Dues and Return of Members Dec., 1820, containing the expulsion of J—— T. W—— for unmasonic conduct.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 21, held at Harrisburg. A Letter from Sam. Brinizer communicating the Rejection of S—— C——.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 43, held at Lancaster. Election Returns 10 March, 1824, per Special Permission from Grand Lodge. General Returns for 1823, Cont<sup>s</sup> the expulsion of J—— L—— for non payment of dues.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 50, held at West Chester. Election Returns for 1822. General Returns for 1823, containing the reinstatement of Joel C. Bailey.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 60, held at Brownsville. Return of members and Account of Dues for 1822. General Returns for 1823, containing the expulsion of J—— F—— for misconduct.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 61, held at Wilkesbarre. General Returns for 1823.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 67, held at Philadelphia. Letter from Secretary, containing the reinstatement of And. B. Climer.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 69, held at Chester. General Returns for 1823, containing the Rejections of P—— M<sup>c</sup>C——, S—— S——, Jr., and M—— T——.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 70, held at Tioga Point. General Returns for 1822 and 1823, cont<sup>s</sup> the expulsion of J—— M—— for non payment of dues.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 73, held at Philadelphia. Communication from R. P. Branu, W. M., containing certificate of the Expulsion of A—— H—— by Lodge La Candeur, N<sup>o</sup>. 36, Charleston, for unmasonic conduct, communicated by them to Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 73.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 82, held at Milford. General Returns for 1823, containing the Rejection of P—— H——.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 84, held at Somerset. General Returns for 1823, containing the Suspensions of J—— T——, J—— G—— and J—— P—— for non payment of dues.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 94, held at New Hope. Election Returns for 1823. Account of Dues for 1823. Return of Members for 1823.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 100, held at Bloomsburg. General Returns for 1823.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 106, held at Williamsport. General Returns for 1823, containing the Rejections of F—— C——, B—— W——, Jr. and J—— B—— and the Suspensions of J—— B——, J—— G——, J—— L——, J—— T—— and J—— W—— and the expulsion of A—— M<sup>c</sup>K—— for non payment of dues.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 116, held at Marietta. General Returns for 1823, containing the suspension of S—— R. A—— for non payment of Dues.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 120, held at Laurenceville. Election Returns for 1812, 1813, 1814, 1817, 1818, 1819, 1820, 1821 and 1822. Account of Dues from Dec., 1812 to Dec., 1814, from June, 1817 to June, 1818 and from Dec., 1818 to Decem., 1822. General Returns for 1823.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 120, held at Philadelphia. Election Return for Senior and Junior Wardens held 23 March, 1824, by special permission of Grand Lodge.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 132, held at Honeybrook Township. General Returns for 1823, containing the expulsions of W—— M. T—— and W—— C—— for Non payment of dues and of J—— W—— for Unmasonic conduct.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 134, held at Philadelphia. Communication from Secretary, containing the expulsion of L—— E. W—— for gross unmasonic conduct.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 136, held at Abington, Montgomery C<sup>y</sup>. General Returns for 1823.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 142, held at Sadsbury Ville, Chester C<sup>y</sup>. General Returns for 1823, containing the expulsion of M—— B—— for non payment of Dues and the Suspension of S——. P—— for unmasonic conduct.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 143, held at Chambersburg. Certificate from T. Hartley Crawford, W. M., of the suspension of G—— W. L—— for non payment of Dues.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 145, held at Wilkinsburgh. Election Returns for 1823. Account of Dues for 1823. Return of Members for 1823.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 147, held at Bethany. General Returns for 1823, containing the suspension of L—— S—— for non payment of Dues.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 149, held at Montrose. Election Returns for 1819, 1820, 1821, 1822 and 1824. Acco<sup>t</sup> of Dues for 1819, 1820, 1821 and 1822. Return of Members from Dec., 1818 to Dec., 1822. General Returns for 1823, containing the Rejection of S—— S. W——.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 151, held at Northampton. Account of Dues from Dec., 1818 to Dec., 1822. Return of Members from Dec., 1818 to Dec., 1822, containing the Rejections of J—— B—— and H—— W—— and the expulsions of J—— K—— for gross unmasonic conduct and of J—— H. N—— for Non payment of Dues. General Returns for 1823, cont<sup>g</sup> the Rejections of J—— K—— and W—— F——; the expulsions of D—— T——, B—— R. N——, J—— F. H—— and J—— F—— for non payment of dues and the suspensions of P—— M—— and P—— B—— for Six months from September, 1823. A letter from the Secretary, containing the names of the Members who had been dropped on the former Returns.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 156, held at Chestnut Level, Lancaster C<sup>y</sup>. General Returns for 1823.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 164, held at Washington. Account of Dues and Return of Members from the commencement of the Lodge to 27 Dec., 1823, containing the expulsions of G—— D. R—— and J—— T—— and the suspensions of J—— M<sup>c</sup>C—— and J—— A—— for Non payment of dues.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 172, held at Lebanon. General Returns for 1823.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 173, held at Lawrenceville. Communication from the Sec<sup>y</sup>. containing the expulsion of J—— S. M<sup>c</sup>C—— for unmasonic conduct.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 174, held at Downingstown. General Returns for 1823.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 175, held at St. Jago de Cuba. Election Return for 1822. Account of Dues for 1821 and 1822. Return of Members for 1821 and 1822.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 177, held in Pike County. General Returns for 1822 and 1823.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 179, held in Pike County. General Returns for 1823.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 185, held at Braintrim. Account of Dues for 1823. Return of Members for 1823.

The following Communications were received and read and ordered to be filed, Viz :

From the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, December, 1823.

From the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, May, 1823.

From the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, Novm., 1823.

From the Grand Lodge of Virginia, March, 1824.

From the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, January, 1824.

From the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, Jan., 1824.

From the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, Sept., 1823.

From the Grand Lodge of Missouri, October, 1823, containing sundry resolutions expressing their approbation of a General Convention of Delegates from the several Grand Lodges in the United States, but disapproving of a General Grand Lodge.

From the Grand Lodge of Indiana, Oct<sup>r</sup>. 1823, cont<sup>g</sup>. a statement of circumstances relative to their late Past Grand Master John Sheets, and approving his conduct.

The Committee on Finance made Sundry Reports, Viz :

On the Account of Jos. S. Lewis, Grand Treasurer, for the first quarter of 1824, balance due Grand Lodge \$1148 $\frac{0}{100}$ .

On the Account of Bernard Dahlgren, Grand Secretary, for the first quarter of 1824, balance due Grand Lodge \$349 $\frac{5}{100}$ .

On the Account of the Hall Committee for the first quarter of 1824, Balance due Grand Lodge \$125 $\frac{0}{100}$ .

On the Account of George H. Burgin, late Gas Committee, balance due Grand Lodge on the 26<sup>th</sup> May, 1824, \$1 $\frac{2}{100}$ .

On the Receipts and Payments during the first quarter of 1824, Balance in the Treasury 31st March, \$1623 $\frac{3}{100}$ .

Which were read and on motion made and seconded, were severally adopted.

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred the petition of Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 143, praying an exemption from Grand Lodge Dues for two years, made a Report unfavorable to the Petitioners, which on motion made and seconded was adopted.

The following Bills were read and on motions made and seconded, were severally ordered to be paid, Viz :

John Uhle, Grand Lecturer, for visiting 31 Lodges and Mileage \$202.

Estate of Geo. A. Baker, deceased, for Postages Amount \$4 $\frac{5}{100}$ .

Rowley and Alberger for Plumbers work, Amount \$9 $\frac{5}{100}$ .

A Communication was received and read from Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 67, stating that on the 12 March, 1824, the Committee of enquiry on the application of J—— K—— and G—— K—— for Initiation and Membership in that Lodge reported that they could not recommend said applicants, which Report was on motion and Seconded, adopted ; And, Also, informing that J—— K—— has since applied for Initiation and Membership in Rising Sun Lodge, N<sup>o</sup> 139. (The W. M. of Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 139, then stated to the Grand Lodge that the Petition of the said J—— K—— had been received by his Lodge but was subsequently withdrawn.) The Communication from Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 67 was thereupon ordered to be filed.

A Petition was received and read from Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 106, praying permission to take a second ballot for B—— W——, a rejected candidate, when on motion made and seconded,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

A Petition was received and read from William Wilson and Phineas Kelly on behalf of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 94, stating that they had just paid Thirty two Dollars on account of Grand Lodge dues and offering to pay the balance in the manner following, that is to say, Fifty Dollars in Three months, Fifty Dollars in Six months, Fifty Dollars in Twelve months and the remainder in Eighteen months from this time and also to pay their current Grand Lodge dues, when upon motion made and seconded,

Resolved, That the terms offered by Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 94 be accepted in expectation of a strict compliance with the same on the part of the Lodge.

A Petition was received and read from P—— D—— praying Grand Lodge to grant him a hearing on the subject of the charge upon which he was expelled by this Grand Lodge. A Communication was also received and read from a Committee appointed by Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 116, approving of the expulsion of the said D——, when on motion made and seconded,

Resolved, That all matters relative to the expulsion of P—— D—— be referred to a Committee consisting of Brothers Steel, W<sup>m</sup>. Milnor and Pettit with power to send for persons and papers.

A letter was received and read from C. W. Donald, a member of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 116, complaining of illegal conduct in said Lodge in initiating Bernard Brown at an extra meeting and praying Grand Lodge to investigate the same, when on motion made and seconded,

Resolved, That said letter be referred to a Committee consisting of Brothers Steele, W<sup>m</sup>. Milnor and Petit.

A Letter was received and read from John McElroy complaining of the conduct of some Masons at Bristol, Bucks County, in assisting his tenant to remove his furniture clandestinely, which was ordered to be laid on the table.

A letter was received and read from Brother Robert Pullen, stating that he was present in Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 19 on Thursday evening last at the initiation of a person who refused to be dealt with according to ancient usage, and that the presiding Officer consented thereto, it was on motion made and seconded,



Resolved, That said letter be referred to the R. W. Grand Master who is desired to take such order thereon as he may deem proper.

On motion made and seconded,

Resolved, That the Warrants of Lodges N<sup>o</sup>. 107 and N<sup>o</sup>. 109 be vacated for delinquency and that the Grand Secretary be directed to communicate the same to them accompanied by a copy of the 26<sup>th</sup> Resolution of Grand Lodge.

A Letter from Brother Jesse Fell, Secretary of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 61, to the Grand Secretary, dated 1<sup>st</sup> May, 1824, together with accompanying documents were received and read, when on motion made and seconded, the following Preamble and Resolution were adopted.

Whereas, Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 61, has not accepted the liberal terms offered by the Grand Secretary for the payment of the arrears due to this Grand Lodge, and Whereas, the Grand Lodge cannot accede to the terms offered by Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 61, Therefore,

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to send Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 61 the same kind of Notice which he has sent to all other Lodges who are Two years in arrears to this Grand Lodge.

Grand Lodge closed in harmony at a quarter past 10 o'clock, P. M.

BENJ<sup>N</sup> STEPHENS,  
Grand Secretary, Pro Tem.

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ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST'S DAY, Philadelphia, Thursday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, A. D. 1824, A. L. 5824.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, General Grand Communication.

Present :

\* No Grand Officers being present, Brother JOSEPH W. ROWLAND, Master of the Senior Lodge present, took the Chair.

Bro. Sam. H. Perkins, R. W. S. Grand Warden, P. T.

“ John Wilson, R. W. J. Grand Warden, P. T.

“ Benj. Stephens, R. W. Grand Secretary, P. T.

- Bro. Joseph Blackford, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.  
“ John H. Deringer, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.  
“ Elhanan W. Keyser, Grand Marshal.  
“ John Horton, Grand Pursuivant, P. T.

Lodges Nos. 51, 67, 91, 3, 59, 71, 114, 125, 128, 130, 134, 139, 155 and 186 represented.

\* Amended 6 Septem., 1824.

Eleven Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in form at half past 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

Brother Sam. F. Bradford, R. W. P. G. M., Brother Josiah Randall, R. W. P. G. M., and Brother Thomas Kittera, R. W. S. G. W., appeared and took their seats after Grand Lodge was opened.

A Report was received and read from Bro. John Uhle, Grand Lecturer, stating that he had visited Thirty one Country Lodges and noticing irregularities in some of their proceedings, when

On motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That said Report be referred to the Committee on Landmarks.

The following Returns from Subordinate Lodges were received and read, Viz :

Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 52, held at Philadelphia. Election Returns for 1800, 1802 and 1807.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 67, held at Philadelphia. Letter from the Secretary, Containing the reinstatement of Thomas T. M. Doogan.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 83, held in Wayne County. General Returns for 1822 and 1823, cont<sup>s</sup> the expulsions of O—— B. B—— and J—— W. C——, for non payment of dues.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 104, held at New Holland. General Returns for 1823.

The following Communications were received and read and ordered to be filed, Viz :

From the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, 27 Dec., 1823.

From the Grand Lodge of New York, 2 June, 1824.

From the Grand Lodge of Hayti, 25 Jan<sup>y</sup>, 1824.

From the Grand Lodge of Ohio, January, 1824, confirming the expulsion of G—— C—— made by Paramuthia Lodge, N<sup>o</sup>. 35, and disapproving of the General Grand Lodge.

A Communication was received and read from Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 123, appointing Brother William Boyd their Proxy. Whereupon, on motion made and seconded,

Resolved, That Brother William Boyd be recognized as the Proxy of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 123.

The Committee on Bye Laws made reports on the Bye Laws of the following Lodges approving the same, Viz :

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 67.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 126.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 134.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 187.

Which were read and on motion made and seconded were severally adopted.

A report was received and read from the same Committee on the Bye Laws of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 185, which on motion made and seconded was amended to read as follows :

To The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

The Committee on Bye Laws to whom was referred the Bye Laws of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 185,

Respectfully Report,

That they have carefully examined the same and recommend their adoption with the following alterations, Viz :

Strike out the whole of Article 8<sup>th</sup> and insert in lieu thereof  
“ Any person desirous of being initiated into the Mysteries of  
“ Free Masonry in this Lodge must petition for that purpose  
“ which petition shall contain his Age, Occupation, and place  
“ of residence, and be recommended by at least two Members  
“ who are Master Masons. Whereupon, a Committee of three  
“ Members, Master Masons, shall be appointed (from which  
“ the recommenders shall be excluded) to enquire into his  
“ character as well as his qualifications to become a Mason,  
“ and report thereon in writing at the next stated meeting if  
“ in their power so to do, when if a majority report in his  
“ favor he shall be balloted for and if approved of unani-  
“ mously he may be initiated.”

In Article 13<sup>th</sup> Strike out all between the words *Lodge* in 2<sup>nd</sup> line and *the* in 3<sup>rd</sup> line, and insert "Must apply by petition and be recommended by at least two Members, Master Masons, and the same proceedings shall be observed as to the appointment of a Committee, report, balloting, &c., &c., as stated in Article 8<sup>th</sup> and if elected unanimously, shall become a Member on paying."

Article 10<sup>th</sup> Strike out all between "*Initiated*" in line 6<sup>th</sup> and "*or became*" in line 7<sup>th</sup>.

STEPHEN W. SMITH,	} Committee.
S. WONDERLY,	
JOHN UHLE,	

Philad<sup>a</sup>, 5 June, 5824.

Which Report as amended was adopted.

Reports were received and read from the same Committee on the Bye Laws of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 21 and Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 160, when on motion made and seconded,

Resolved, That the said Reports be recommitted to the same Committee with instructions to report anew.

A report was received and read from the Committee appointed to enquire into the complaint of C. W. Donald a member of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 116, against said Lodge, recommending that the District Deputy Grand Master Brother James Buchanan (to whom shall be referred the letter of the said Donald) be directed to make an investigation of the facts and of the Records of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 116 and that report be made by him direct to this Grand Lodge, When on motion made and seconded,

Resolved, That said report and recommendation be adopted, and the District Deputy Grand Master instructed accordingly.

A letter was received and read from J. Rice, late Worshipful Master of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 122 announcing a resolution passed by that Lodge on St. John's Day last to surrender their Warrant to the Grand Lodge. Brother Randal after stating that he had been informed by the Grand Secretary that the Warrant of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 122 is now laying in the Post Office in this City in a tin box, offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to take the package, containing the Warrant of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 122, out of the Post Office and to charge the Postage of the same to the Grand Lodge, and that he be authorized to write to the late Worshipful Master of the Lodge and inform him what further measures are to be adopted by him in relation to the surrender of the Warrant.

Which on motion made and seconded, was adopted.

Communications were received and read from Lodges N<sup>o</sup>. 43 and N<sup>o</sup>. 52, on the subject of their Accounts. On motion made and seconded,

Resolved, That the above and all similar Communications hereafter received from other Lodges be referred to a Committee of five. The R. W. Grand Master appointed Brothers Josiah Randall, Sam. F. Bradford, Tho<sup>a</sup>. Kittera, Mich. Nisbet and B. Dahlgren on said Committee.

On motion made and seconded,

Resolved, that the Committee in the case of P—— D—— be discharged.

On motion made and seconded,

Resolved, That all matters relative to the expulsion of P—— D—— be referred to Brother James Buchanan, District Deputy Grand Master, who is requested to enquire and report to this Grand Lodge as soon as practicable.

Grand Lodge closed in harmony at half past 12 o'clock,  
P. M.

BENJ<sup>N</sup>. STEPHENS,  
Grand Secretary, Pro Tem.

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PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, A. D. 1824, A. L. 5824.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Special Grand Communication.

Present :

\* Bro. THO. KITTERA, R. W. S. G. Warden, In the Chair.

“ An. Fannen, R. W. S. G. Warden, P. T.

\* Amended 6 September, 1824.

Bro. I. R. Hopkins, R. W. J. G. Warden, P. T.

“ Ben. Stephens, R. W. G. Secretary, P. T.

“ John Uhle, S. G. Deacon, P. T.

“ Fra<sup>s</sup>. Cooper, J. G. Deacon, P. T.

“ S. H. Thomas, G. Pursuivant, P. T.

Lodges Nos. 2, 72, 71, 126, 134, 158, 186 and 187 represented.

Five Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened at 8 o'clock in the evening.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Master being announced was received and took the Chair.

A Petition was received and read from a number of Ancient York Master Masons, praying for a Warrant to hold a Lodge in the Borough of Lewistown, in Mifflin County, Pennsylvania, to be called “Zion Lodge,” and that Brother Norman Nash, might be the first Master; Brother William R. Power, the first Senior Warden and Brother Benjamin Patton, the first Junior Warden of the same. Which Petition being in due form and recommended agreeably to the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge, it was on motion made and seconded,

Resolved, That the prayer of the Petitioners be granted, that Brother Grand Secretary make out a Warrant accordingly, and that the same be numbered One Hundred and Ninety three.

Grand Lodge closed in harmony at  $\frac{1}{4}$  past 8 o'clock, P. M.

BENJ<sup>N</sup>. STEPHENS,  
Grand Secretary, Pro Tem.

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PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> September, A. D. 1824, A. L. 5824.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present :

Bro. JAMES HARPER, R. W. D. G. M., in the Chair.

“ Tho<sup>s</sup>. Kittera, R. W. S. G. Warden.

“ Sam<sup>l</sup>. Badger, R. W. J. G. Warden.

Bro. John K. Kane, Grand Secretary.

“ Sam<sup>l</sup>. H. Thomas, Deputy Grand Secretary.

“ R. Hutchinson, Senior Grand Deacon.

“ David Boyd, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.

“ Gregory T. Bedell, Grand Chaplain.

“ John Smith, Grand Pursuivant, P. T.

“ Josiah Randall, } R. W. Past Grand Masters.  
“ Walter Kerr, }

Lodges Nos. 9, 19, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 91, 115, 121, 126, 130, 131, 134, 158, 159, 165, 172, 186 and 187 represented.

Twenty one Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in form at  $\frac{1}{4}$  past seven o'clock in the evening.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Master announced the death of our much beloved Brother Bernard Dahlgren, Esq., late Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge, and that in consequence of this event, he had appointed B. John K. Kane, Esq., Grand Secretary, who, with his approbation had subsequently appointed as Deputy Grand Secretary, Bro. Samuel H. Thomas.

The Minutes of the quarterly Grand Communication on the 7 June, 1824, were read and approved.

The Minutes of the General Grand Communication on 24 June, 1824, were read, when on motion made and seconded, they were amended so that immediately following the word “Present,” they should read thus,

“Bro. T. Kittera, R. W. Sen<sup>r</sup>. Gd. Warden, in the chair,” and as amended they were approved.

The Minutes of the Special Grand Communication on 3<sup>d</sup> July were read, when on motion made and seconded, they were amended so that immediately following the word Present they should read thus,

“Bro. Jas. Harper, R. W. Dep. Gr. Master, in the chair,” and as amended they were approved.

A Petition was received and read from a number of Antient York Masons residing in Northumberland and Union Counties, praying for a Warrant to hold a Lodge, the first year at Selins Grove, the second year at New Berlin and so on alternately, to be called “La Fayette” Lodge, No. and nominat-

ing Bro<sup>s</sup>. Henry C. Eyer, for Worshipful Master; Joseph R. Lotz, for Senior Warden, and Henry W. Snyder, for Junior Warden; which petition being in due form and recommended agreeably to the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge, it was on Motion made and seconded,

Resolved, that the Prayer of the Petitioners be granted and that the Grand Secretary make out a Warrant accordingly numbered 194.

A Petition was received and read from a number of Antient York Masons residing in Bucks and Montgomery Counties praying for a Warrant to hold a Lodge at Beans Tavern, Warminster township, Bucks Co<sup>ry</sup>. to be called Lodge No. , and nominating William Carr for Worshipful Master; Lemen Banes, for Senior Warden, and Lewis F. Hart, for Junior Warden; which petition being in due form, and recommended agreeably to the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge, it was on Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that the Prayer of the Petitioners be granted, and that the Grand Secretary make out a Warrant accordingly, numbered 195, as soon as the Petitioners shall have satisfied the R. W. Grand Master that they are not members of any Lodge, and are in good standing with the Lodges they last belonged to.

A Report was received and read from the Acting Grand Secretary and which, with the accompanying Statements was laid on the table.

The following Returns from subordinate Lodges were presented, read, and ordered to be filed, viz:

Lodge No. 43, held at Lancaster. Election Returns, June, 1811.

Lodge No. 45, held at Pittsburg. Supplementary Return of Members, Dec., 1823, and Election Returns, Decem., 1809.

Lodge No. 46, held at Ephrata. Election Returns, Decem., 1818.

Lodge No. 50, held at Westchester. Supplementary Return of Members, Decem., 1823.

Lodge No. 61, held at Wilkesbarre. Election Returns, Decem., 1812.



Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 66, held at Morgantown. General Returns, 1823.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 81, held at Germantown. Election Returns, Decem., 1811, and June, 1811.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 91, Supplementary Return of Members, Decem., 1823, and Election Returns, Decem., 1806.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 114, Supplementary Return of Members, Decem., 1823, and communicating the expulsion of S—— G—— for non payment of dues.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 94, Election Returns, Decem., 1823.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 104, held at New Holland. Supplementary Return of Members, Decem., 1823.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 106, held at Williamsport, Lyco<sup>e</sup>. Co. Election Returns, Decem., 1813. Supplementary Return of Members, Decem., 1823, and communication of the rejection of I. M. P——.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 113, held at Pittsburg. General Returns, 1823.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 115, held at Philadelphia. Supplem<sup>y</sup>. Return of Members, Dec., 1823.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 119, held at Hartford. General Returns, 1823, communicating the rejection of S—— W——, Jr.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 121, held at Philadelphia. Supplementary Return of Members, Decem., 1823.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 127, Supplementary Return of Members, Decem., 1823.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 130, held at Philadelphia. Supplementary Return of Members, Decem., 1823.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 134, held at Philadelphia. Supplementary Return of Members, Decem., 1823.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 139, held at Philadelphia. Supplementary Return of Members, Decem., 1823.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 143, held at Chambersburg. Communication of the suspension of J—— O—— for non pay<sup>t</sup>. of dues.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 144, held at Milton. Supplementary Return of Members, Decem., 1823.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 146, held at Meadville. General Returns for 1823.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 152, held at Easton. Election Returns for 1823.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 156, held at Chestnut Level. Supplementary Return of Members, Decem., 1823.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 158, held at Philadelphia. Supplementary Return of Members, Decem., 1823.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 164, held at Washington. Election Returns, Decem., 1823.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 165, held at Pittsburg. Supplementary Return of Members, Decem., 1823.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 169, held at Columbia. Supplementary Return of Members, Decem., 1823.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 171, held at Pottstown. General Returns for 1823.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 173, held at Laurenceville. Supplementary Return of Members, Decem., 1823.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 185, held at Braintrim. Return of Election, Decem., 1823.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 190, held at Norristown. General Returns for 1823.

A Letter was received and read from Bro. James Buchanan, R. W. District Dep<sup>y</sup>. Grand Master, which stated that having been connected professionally and personally with P. Duffield and Bro. Keesey in such a manner that he would not be a proper person to decide between them, he must therefore request to be excused from acting under the Resolution of the Grand Lodge relative to P. Duffield. On Motion made and seconded, Resolved, that Bro. James Buchanan be discharged from the duty assigned to him in the case of P. Duffield, and that it be referred to a Committee of three to enquire into and report the facts to this Grand Lodge as soon as practicable.

The R. W. Dep<sup>y</sup>. Grand Master app<sup>d</sup>. Brothers Geo. B. Porter, Sam. Humes and Lewis Wislar on said Committee.

A Letter was received and read from Bro. Garrick Mallery, R. W. District Deputy Grand Master, dated 20 July, 1824, and stating that up to that date he had not granted any dispensations under his Commissions from the late and present Grand Master, and also stating certain irregularities that had taken place in Braintrim in passing Brethren to the Chair, and in opening a Holy Royal Arch Chapter at that place, by some of the Members of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 185, assisted by some of the Members of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 149.

On Motion made and seconded,

Resolved, that the letter of Brother Mallery be referred to a Committee of three.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Master appointed Brothers Josiah Randall, Wray and Hopkins on said Committee.

On motion made and seconded,

Resolved, that the Grand Secretary be requested to extract from the letter of Bro. Mallery as much thereof as relates to the opening of a Chapter at Montrose, and transmit the extract to the M. E. Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter.

The following Communications from Foreign Grand Lodges were read and ordered to be filed, viz :

From the Grand Lodge of So. Carolina, containing an Abstract of their proceedings from 27 Decem., 1822 to Decem., 1823, in which they acknowledge the receipt of a Resolution of the Grand Lodge of Penn<sup>a</sup>. expressing their obligation for a Copy of Brother Dalcho's Ahiman Rezon.

From the Grand Lodge of So. Ca., communicating the expulsion of D<sup>r</sup>. R—— M—— of St. Augustine by Floridian Virtues Lodge, for unmasonic conduct, and that I. E. V——, C—— V—— and Y. G. W—— were constitutionally read off by same Lodge for non payment of dues.

From the Grand Lodge of the State of Missouri, containing their proceedings on the 5<sup>th</sup> April, 1824. This Grand Lodge consisted of representatives from two and three subordinate Lodges.

A Letter was received and read from J. J. Loring, Esq., corresponding Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Massa<sup>ts</sup>. in the words following :

Boston, 11 August, 1824.

R. W. Sir and Brother,

I received a letter signed by I. Marshall on behalf of himself and other Brethren residing in Reading, Berks County, Pennsylvania, requesting the Grand Lodge of this Commonwealth to grant them a Charter for a Lodge and further stating, that heretofore they had a Charter from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. This communication I have laid before the M. W. Grand Master who directs me to give you notice of the

application, and also to return to the Brethren a letter of which the following is a Copy.

I am resp<sup>y</sup>. and fraternally,

JOHN J. LORING, { Corres<sup>g</sup>. G. Sec<sup>y</sup>.  
                                  { G. L. of Massa.

R. W. Grand Sec<sup>y</sup>. Grand

Lodge of Penn<sup>a</sup>.

Copy.

Boston, 11 Aug., 1824.

Brother :

I received your communication dated 8 April, 1824, have laid the same before the Grand Master and am directed to inform you that although the Grand Lodge of this Commonwealth was the first Grand Lodge established in the U. States, and originally granted Charters out of the limits of the States, yet, since the formation of Grand Lodges in the several States it has ceased doing it. To grant Charters to brethren living in another State where a Grand Lodge is established, would be an assumption of Masonic jurisdiction tending to destroy all harmony and intercourse between the Grand Lodges of the respective States. I must therefore inform you that a Charter cannot be granted you by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

Respectfully y<sup>r</sup> Bro. &c.,

J. J. LORING, C. G. S.

Wfl. J. Marshall.

Reading.

On motion made and seconded, the following Preamble and Resolution were adopted :

Whereas, it appears that Bro. J. Marshall has applied at different times to the Grand Lodges of New York and Massachusetts for a Warrant to hold a Lodge at Reading, within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, and whereas, such conduct is in direct violation of the duty of the said J. Marshall due to this Grand Lodge, and in opposition to the legitimate sovereignty of every independent Grand Lodge, therefore,

Resolved, that the said J. Marshall be and he is hereby cited to appear before this Grand Lodge on the first Monday in October next, to shew cause why he should not be expelled from the benefits of Masonry.

Sundry Documents were received and read in relation to the proposed Lodge at Lewistown, for which a Warrant was granted in Special Grand Communication on 3 July, the same being under consideration. On motion made and seconded,

Resolved, that the further consideration of the subject be postponed.

On motion made and seconded,

Resolved, that the Grand Secretary write to the Petitioners at Lewistown to ascertain their several wishes and obtain further information on the subjects mentioned in the Documents now read.

On Motion made and Seconded, the following preamble and Resolutions were adopted :

Whereas, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania are anxious to display the most profound marks of respect for the memory of their deceased friend Bernard Dahlgren, Esq., late Grand Secretary, and to evince their gratitude for the services rendered by him to the Craft and more particularly to the Finances of this Grand Lodge in the long continued and successful exertion of his talents for their improvement. Therefore,

Resolved, that the Jewels, Hangings and other Furniture of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania be placed in mourning for the space of six months, as a testimonial of respect for the memory of their deceased Brother Bernard Dahlgren, Esq., late Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, that the Grand Secretary forward to the family of the deceased a Copy of the foregoing Resolution.

On motion made and Seconded, the following preamble and Resolution were adopted :

Whereas, the Loan of \$40,000 at six per Cent Interest made to the Grand Lodge on the first of January, 1810, will be due and payable on the first of January, 1825, and it becomes necessary to make some arrangement for the settlement thereof, either by renewal or payment, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Committee of Finance be authorized to make such arrangements either by renewal or payment for the Loan of Forty thousand dollars as they may consider most beneficial for the Grand Lodge.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that a Committee consisting of the Grand Officers and Past Grand Masters be appointed to enquire whether General La Fayette be an Ancient York Master Mason, and if he be, to adopt such measures, as in their opinion will best evince the affection and gratitude of his Masonic Brethren, to this friend and benefactor of the United States.

Grand Lodge adjourned in harmony at 11 o'clock to meet on the 3<sup>d</sup> Monday in September, at 7 o'clock in the evening.

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PHILADELPHIA, 20 September, 1824, Monday.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present :

Bro. JAMES HARPER, R. W. Dep<sup>y</sup> G. M., in the Chair.

“ Thomas Kittera, R. W. S. G. W.

“ Sam<sup>l</sup>. Badger, R. W. J. G. W.

“ John K. Kane, Grand Sec<sup>y</sup>.

“ Sam<sup>l</sup>. H. Thomas, Deputy Grand Sec<sup>y</sup>.

“ Francis E. Brewster, Senior Grand Deacon.

“ William Mandry, Junior Grand Deacon.

“ Ja<sup>s</sup>. McAlpin, Grand Sword Bearer.

“ G. H. Burgin, Grand Pursuivant, P. T.

“ J. Randall and B. Newcomb, R. W. P. G. M's.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 51, 59, 52, 71, 91, 115, 121, 123, 128, 131, 134, 139, 152, 155, 158, 165, 168, 172, 186 and 187 represented.

Twenty four Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in form at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past seven o'clock in the evening.

A Petition was received and read from a number of Antient York Master Masons residing in Franklin County in this State, praying for a Warrant to hold a Lodge in Mercersburg in the same County, to be called Morning Star Lodge, N<sup>o</sup>. and nominating William McKinstry for Master; Bro. W<sup>m</sup>. Shannon, for Senior Warden, and Jacob Bahn, for Junior Warden. Which Petition being in due form and recom-

mended agreeably to the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge, it was, on motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that the Prayer of the Petitioners be granted and the Grand Secretary make out a Warrant accordingly, numbered One hundred and ninety six.

Returns from the following Lodges were read and ordered to be filed :

Late Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 22, held at Sunbury. Return of Members from Dec., 1820 to Decem., 1822. Account of dues for same time.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 46, held at Ephrata. Election Returns Decem., 1819 and June, 1820.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 66, held at Morgantown. Election Returns, Decem., 1800, Decem., 1802, Decem., 1818, Decem., 1808, Decem., 1821.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 69, held at Chester. Election Returns, Decem., 1801, June, 1802, June, 1804, June and Decem., 1803, Decem., 1812.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 75, held at Charlestown. General Returns for 1823. Election Returns, Decem., 1820.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 84, held at Sunbury. Supplementary Return of Members, Decem., 1823.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 94, held at New Hope. Supp<sup>y</sup>. Return of Members, Dec., 1823.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 123, held at York. Supplementary Return of Members, Decem., 1823 and communication respecting their Account.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 141, held at Halifax. Return of Members, Decem., 1823. Account of Dues, do.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 143, held at Chambersburg. Communication of the Expulsion of I—— O——.

A communication was received and read from the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, stating the expulsion from that Grand Lodge of H—— B—— for the murder of N—— O——. On motion made and seconded, the communication was ordered to be filed.

The Committee of Finance made sundry Reports, viz :

On the a/c of the Hall Committee for the second quarter

of 1824, shewing a balance in favour of the Grand Lodge of \$194.90.

On the a/c of Bernard Dahlgren, Grand Secretary for the second quarter of 1824, shewing a balance in favour of the Grand Lodge of \$3,070.50.

On the a/c of Joseph S. Lewis, Grand Treasurer, shewing a balance in favour of the Grand Lodge of \$375.54 at the close of the second quarter of 1824.

On the Receipts and payments for the second quarter of 1824, shewing a Balance in the Treasury at the close thereof of \$3642.16.

Which being read, on motion made and seconded, they were severally adopted.

A Petition was received and read from Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 106, held at Williamsport, Lycoming Co., praying for leave to take a new ballot on T—— C——. Is a rejected candidate for Initiation.

On Motion made and seconded, Resolved, that the prayer of the Petition be granted.

A communication was received and read from Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 69, at Chester, praying for permission to take another ballot in S—— S——, a rejected applicant for membership.

On motion made and seconded, Resolved, that the prayer of the Petition be granted.

A Letter was received and read from James Dunn, one of the petitioners for a Warrant to hold a Lodge in Armagh, Indiana Co., communicating certain reasons why the Warrant has not been paid for and taken out of the office of the Grand Secretary.

On motion made and seconded,

Resolved, that the Warrant for a Lodge at Armagh, Indiana Co., N<sup>o</sup> 188, now in the office of the Grand Sec<sup>y</sup> be cancelled.

A communication was received and read from Bro. Jacob Marshall, late member of Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 62, at Reading, in answer to the citation of this Grand Lodge requiring him to appear and shew cause why he should not be expelled, stating, that in applying to other Grand Lodges for a Warrant to hold



a Lodge in Reading, he had acted in ignorance of the Rules and Regulations of this Grand Lodge, that his motives were good and that he should never be guilty of the same offense again.

On motion made and seconded,

Resolved, that the apology of Bro. Marshall be accepted, that the Citation be rescinded and that the Grand Sec<sup>y</sup> write to him and inform him of the duty he owes to this Grand Lodge.

A communication was received and read from Bro. D. Ferree, S. W. of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 116, held at Marietta, in relation to the arrears due by that Lodge and promising to pay the balance in ninety days.

On motion made and seconded,

Resolved, that Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 116 be allowed three months from this date to pay forty dollars on account of their arrearages and six months to pay the dues for the current year.

A communication was received and read from R. H. Hammond, W. M., and Henry Frich, P. M., of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 144, held at Milton, offering to pay forty-five dollars immediately, provided six months credit were given to pay a further sum of \$40 and the dues for the current year owing by that Lodge.

On motion made and seconded,

Resolved, that the terms offered by Brothers Hammond and Frich be accepted.

A Report was received and read from the Acting Grand Secretary.

On Motion made and seconded,

Resolved, that consideration of the same be postponed.

A Petition was received and read from the Members of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 165, held at Pittsburg, stating that a Mandate from the R. W. District Deputy Grand Master had changed the mode of Work pursued in that Lodge, and praying permission to resume it. On motion made and Seconded, Resolved, that the petition be referred to the Committee on Land Marks.

The Committee appointed on the 6 Sept<sup>r</sup> to enquire whether

Gen<sup>r</sup>. La Fayette be an Antient York Mason and presented the following Report and Resolution which as amended were severally adopted. :

The Committee appointed by the Grand Lodge to ascertain and Report whether General La Fayette be an Antient York Mason, and if so to report such measures as it would be proper for the Grand Lodge to adopt in relation to this Brother, respectfully Report,

That they have been led to believe that this distinguished man, for whose attachment and services to this Country our fellow Citizens have evinced the warmest feelings of affection and gratitude has long been an Antient York Master Mason, and has honored the institution by his patronage and added to its usefulness and respectability by a devoted attention to its interests. When all classes are zealous to display their good feelings upon his arrival amongst us, it would seem to your Committee that in a City where the Masonic institutions deservedly stand high, some testimony of respect is due from them to so worthy a brother.

They have been anxious to avoid unnecessary ostentation and expense, but at the same time to treat this guest as becomes the Institution, and his character.

The Committee recommend for adoption the following Resolutions :

Resolved, that a Committee of seven be appointed whose duty it shall be as soon as they have received Masonic information that Gen. La Fayette is an Antient York Master Mason, to invite him to partake with his Masonic Brethren of a Dinner to be prepared for the occasion.

Resolved, that the same Committee shall be authorized to procure the Dinner, receive Subscriptions and make all necessary arrangements for the same at the price of five dollars for each subscriber.

Resolved, that the use of the Grand Saloon shall be appropriated on the evening on which the Dinner is to take place to the subscribers to the same.

Resolved, that the Grand Lodge Room shall also be appropriated to the use of the subscribers on that day, with the con-

sent of the Lodge whose day of meeting it may be and that an address suitable to the occasion be delivered.

JAMES HARPER,	B. NEWCOMB,	} Committee.
THO <sup>s</sup> . KITTERA,	J. K. KANE,	
S. BADGER,	J. RANDALL,	

The R. W. D. G. M. was pleased to appoint Brothers J. Randall, J. S. Lewis, J. M. Pettit, D. E. Wilson, Rob<sup>t</sup> Toland, D. F. Gordon and Ja<sup>s</sup>. McAlpin on said Committee.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that the Grand Secretary transmit a copy of the Report and Resolutions to the R. W. Grand Master and respectfully invite his attendance in the City on the day when the Dinner to Gen. La Fayette shall take place.

On motion made and seconded, Grand Lodge proceeded to a further consideration of the Documents in relation to the proposed Lodge at Lewistown. The Grand Secretary presented and read several letters on the subject, being answers to communications he had addressed to the parties. On motion made and seconded, Resolved, that the money which has been received for the Warrant Numbered 193, be paid to the Acting Grand Secretary to be by him returned to the several persons who contributed the same or to their order and that the Warrant be cancelled. Resolved, that all persons who have forwarded Documents to this Grand Lodge in relation to a Warrant for a Lodge at Lewistown have leave to withdraw the same.

A communication was received and read from a meeting of the Members of late Lodge No. 127, communicating their Resolution to offer the Warrant to the Grand Lodge. On motion made and seconded, Resolved, that a surrender of the Warrant be accepted and y<sup>t</sup> the Grand Secretary write to the late Master informing him of what further measures are necessary.

Grand Lodge closed in harmony at  $\frac{1}{4}$  before eleven o'clock in the evening.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, 2 Oct., A. D. 1824, A. L. 5824.

Extra Grand Communication.

This being the day appointed for a Dinner to our distinguished Brother General La Fayette, in pursuance of a Resolution of the Grand Lodge adopted on the 20 September ult<sup>o</sup>, about three hundred of the Craft, including a large proportion of the resident members of the Grand Lodge, assembled in the Hall at an early hour in the afternoon.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Master and Grand Officers and members, being seated in the Grand Lodge Room, the door was tyled, the Grand Lodge opened in form at four o'clock P. M.

Present :

Bro. JAMES HARPER, R. W. Deputy G. M., In the Chair.

(The R. W. Grand Master Bro. John B. Gibson being absent from the City on official Duties as Judge of the Supreme Court.)

Bro. Thomas Kittera, R. W. Senior G. Warden.

“ Sam<sup>l</sup>. Badger, R. W. Junior G. Warden.

“ John K. Kane, Acting Grand Secretary.

“ Joseph S. Lewis, Grand Treasurer.

“ Sam<sup>l</sup>. A. Thomas, Dep<sup>y</sup>. Acting Grand Sec<sup>y</sup>.

“ Randall Hutchinson, Senior Grand Deacon.

“ Junior Grand Deacon.

“ George C. Potts, Grand Chaplain.

“ Grand Marshal.

“ Ja<sup>s</sup>. McAlpin, Grand Sword Bearer.

“ William Wray, } Grand Stewards.

“ S. F. Bradford, R. W. Past Grand Master.

“ Walter Kerr, R. W. Past Grand Master.

“ Bayse Newcomb, R. W. Past Grand Master.

“ Josiah Randall, R. W. Past Grand Master.

Representatives and Past Masters from nearly all of the Lodges in the City and County of Philadelphia, and a large number of visiting brethren among whom were the following, by special invitation.

Bro. Jones, P. G. M., Grand Lodge of Georgia.

Bro. E. Hicks, R. W. Grand Sec<sup>y</sup>. G<sup>d</sup>. Lodge N. York.

Bro. Geo. B. Porter, Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 43.

Bro. M. C. Rogers,       “       “       “

Bro. Charles Stewart,       Bro. W<sup>m</sup>. Gamble.

Bro. I. M. Gamble,       Bro. T. de la Pomerage.

On motion made and seconded, the following Resolution was unanimously adopted.

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania glorying in the honour this day conferred on her by the visit of Brother Gilbert Motier de la Fayette, and anxious to enrol among her members an individual so much distinguished by all the virtues which enoble the Masonic Character, has Resolved, that all the rights, dignities and privileges of a member of this Grand Lodge be, and the same are hereby conferred on Bro. Gilbert Motier de la Fayette.

A Committee was appointed to wait upon Bro. La Fayette at his lodgings and conduct him to the Hall. Here he was met at the door by the Grand Marshal and Grand Sword Bearer and received into the Grand Lodge with the highest honours.

The R. W. Dep<sup>y</sup>. Grand Master then rose and addressed Bro. la Fayette as follows :

“Bro. La Fayette.

The Freemasons of Pennsylvania welcome you to their home with sincere and universal pleasure.

Warmly participating in the sentiments which have every where spontaneously burst from our fellow citizens in the lively gratitude for the services you have rendered our Country, in admiration of your high and various virtues, and in cordially reciprocating the attachment you have uniformly evinced for our liberties and for our happiness, we owe in addition the pride and sympathy of Masonic Brotherhood. Your meritorious life has, indeed, justly illustrated our principles ; and those who now surround you, feel that like Washington, and Warren and Franklin, you have won their most affectionate veneration, by shedding honour on their beloved fraternity. Always contending, General, in the great cause

of human rights, your success has equalled the disinterestedness and perseverance of your devotion. In America, as the companion and friend of the wisest and best of mankind, you will ever be regarded as one of the founders of the greatest, purest and happiest of Republics ; while, in your native land it cannot be forgotten, that amidst the storms of political revolution, and through every vicissitude of personal fortune, you have stood an inflexible example of consistency, moderation and firmness. These impressions, common to the people of the United States, but most dear to us, are now indelibly inscribed upon the records of history and will pass to our latest posterity with the sanction of national unanimity. Receive then most valued Brother, the most heartfelt benedictions of our sacred institution ; receive the homage of free and upright men, who love you as an early benefactor and whose affection must remain as secure as your own virtues and as permanent as your own glory.

I have also the honour of presenting you with a Resolution passed unanimously by the Grand Lodge during its present session, constituting you one of its members. I hope you will accept this as an additional evidence of the high sense they entertain of your virtues and of the services you have rendered to mankind in general and to Masonry in particular."

To which Bro. La Fayette made the following reply :

Right Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren :

I have often thought that we owe as much to our enemies as to our friends, and if this observation is true, it is most true, when applied to us as Masons. It is to the enmity and the persecutions of a Francis the 2<sup>d</sup> and Ferdinand the 7<sup>th</sup> that the Masons of Europe in Modern times have been indebted for opportunities of proving through much suffering and peril, that our principles are pure, and that their devotion to them is unchangeable. The Lodges of Spain in particular have been the victims of royal fears, but though dispersed, their members still are Masons, and though much oppressed, their light has not been extinguished.

You R. W. Sir and Brethren, reposing under the cover of your own peaceful institutions, hear of these things only by

the report of those who come to admire your prosperity and to share by your hospitality, the fruit of your labours.

I thank you for the honour you have just conferred on me, and assure you that I shall never forget this mark of your kind distinction, by which I am made the member of a body of which Franklin was the father and Washington the associate.

The Brethren were now severally presented to Bro. La Fayette when Grand Lodge closed in harmony at half past five o'clock.

#### Masonic Dinner.

A sumptuous Banquet prepared by Bro. Daniel Rubicam being ready in the Grand Saloon and adjoining Banqueting Room, the Brethren entered in the following order :

Lodges in the order of Juniority.

Sojourning Brethren.

Grand Tyler.

Grand Pursuivant.

Grand Stewards.

Grand Deacons.

Grand Chaplain.

Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer.

Grand Wardens.

Invited Guests.

Brother *La Fayette*.

supported by the R. W. Acting G. M. and D. G. M., P. T.

The Decorations of the room were prepared under the Direction of Bro. Haviland, to whose refined taste and superior skill the fraternity were under great obligation ; the beautiful Saloon and banqueting room never appeared to so great an advantage.

The Brethren sat down at six o'clock in the afternoon ; feelings of hilarity, mirth and masonic brotherhood prevailed at the festive board. After the removal of the cloth a number of excellent toasts were given followed by appropriate music from the Marine Band attached to the Navy Yard, for whose services the fraternity were indebted to the politeness of Bro. I. M. Gamble, commanding the Marine corps on this station.

The Company adjourned at a proper hour, much gratified with the events of the day.

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PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 6 December, A. D. 1824, A. L. 5824.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present :

Bro. JOHN B. GIBSON, R. W. Grand Master.

“ James Harper, R. W. Deputy Grand Master

“ Tho<sup>s</sup>. Kittera, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

“ Samuel Badger, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.

“ Sam<sup>l</sup>. H. Thomas, Grand Secretary, P. T.

“ Joseph S. Lewis, Grand Treasurer.

“ Ja<sup>s</sup>. M. Broome, Deputy Grand Secretary, P. T.

“ R. Hutchinson, Senior Grand Deacon.

“ T. B. Freeman, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.

“ Ja<sup>s</sup>. McAlpin, Grand Sword Bearer.

“ E. W. Keyser, Grand Marshal.

“ A. Cornman, Grand Pursuivant, P. T.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 51, 52, 59, 62, 67, 71, 72, 81, 84, 91, 102, 106, 114, 115, 121, 123, 125, 126, 128, 130, 131, 134, 135, 139, 152, 155, 158, 160, 165, 168, 172, 175, 181, 186, 187, 190 and 75 represented.

Forty one Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at half past six o'clock in the evening.

A Petition was received and read from a number of Ancient York Masons resident in Cumberland County, praying for a Warrant to hold a Lodge in the borough of Carlisle, to be named “Cumberland Star,” and nominating Willis Foulke, to be the first Master; John Mason, first Senior Warden, and Gloye Pattison, Jr., first Junior Warden; this Petition being in due form and recommended agreeably to the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge, On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that a Warrant be granted accordingly numbered



197, when the Petitioners shall have satisfied the R. W. Grand Master that they are not members of any Lodge and are in good standing with the Lodges they last belonged to.

A Petition was received and read from a number of Ancient York Masons residing in the County of Cumberland, praying for a Warrant to hold a Lodge in Shippensburg, to be called "Silentia," and nominating Sam<sup>l</sup>. L. Fenton, for first Master ; W<sup>m</sup>. A. Finley, for first Senior Warden, and Isaac Ward, for first Junior Warden. Which Petition being in due form and recommended agreeably to the rules and regulations of the Grand Lodge, on motion made and seconded,

Resolved, that a Warrant be granted accordingly as soon as the petitioners shall have satisfied the R. W. Grand Master that they are not members of any Lodge and are in good standing with the Lodges they last belonged to, to be numbered 198.

A Petition was received and read from a number of Ancient York Masons residing in the County of Lycoming, praying for a Warrant to hold a Lodge in the town of Jersey Shore, to be called, "La Fayette," and nominating Will<sup>m</sup>. Babb, for first Master ; Matthew McReynolds, for first Senior Warden, and Philip Krebs, for first Junior Warden. Which petition being in due form and recommended agreeably to the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge,

On motion made and seconded,

Resolved, that a Warrant be granted accordingly, numbered 199, as soon as the Petitioners shall have satisfied the R. W. Grand Master that they are not members of any Lodge and are in good standing with the Lodges they last belonged to.

A Petition was received and read from a number of Ancient York Masons residing in Philadelphia, praying for a Warrant to hold a Lodge in the new Hall, to be called "Vulcan," and nominating David P. Thomson, for first Master ; Joseph Love-ridge, for first Senior Warden, and James Clark, for first Junior Warden, which Petition was in due form and recommended agreeably to the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge. On motion made and seconded,

Resolved, that the said Petition be laid on the table.

A Petition was received and read from a number of Ancient York Masons residing in Mifflin County, praying for a Warrant to hold a Lodge in Lewistown, to be called "Zion," and nominating Gen<sup>l</sup> David Millikin for first Master; H. H. Burr, for first Senior Warden, and A. B. Selheimer, for first Jun<sup>r</sup> Warden, which Petition was in due form and recommended agreeably to the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge. On motion made and seconded,

Resolved, that the said Petition be laid on the table.

The Committee of Finance made the following Report, viz :

On the estimate of receipts and expenditures for the year 1825, with resolutions for the appropriation of \$7400 for the service of that year, viz. for

Payment of Interest, . . . . . \$5300.

Grand Sec<sup>y</sup> Salary, . . . . . \$500.

do as Sec<sup>y</sup> of Trustees of Masonic Loans, 150.

Allowance for Printing, &c., . . . . . 150.

— 800.

Hall Comm<sup>e</sup> including the making of Gas, &c., 700.

Grand Tyler's Salary and extra services, . . . 200.

Trustees of masonic Gas Loans, . . . . . 400.

— \$7400.

And On the state of the Sinking Fund and Debts due by the Grand Lodge, which, on motion made and seconded, were severally adopted.

The A. Grand Secretary presented and read the following Report :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penn<sup>a</sup> :

The Acting Grand Secretary has the honour to report,

That the following Lodges heretofore reported as having lost their right of representation in this Grand Lodge have reduced the amount of their arrearages to a sum less than the last two years dues and are, consequently, restored to full standing on this floor, viz :

N<sup>o</sup>. 60, held at Brownsville.

" 62, " " Reading.

" 113, " " Pittsburg.

N<sup>o</sup>. 132, held at Honeybrook.

" 153, " " Waynesburg.

He also Reports that since the 20 Sept., the following Lodges have been suspended for delinquency in pursuance of the 22<sup>d</sup> Regulation of the Grand Lodge :

N<sup>o</sup>. 100, held at Bloomsburg.

" 124, " " Erie.

" 145, " " Wilkinsburg.

" 163, " " Towanda.

He also Reports that the Grand Lodge is without complete Returns to the 27<sup>th</sup> Decem., 1823, from the following Lodges (excluding those whose election Returns alone are incomplete).

N<sup>o</sup>. 62, held at Reading.

" 108, " " Wysox and Orwell.

" 124, " " Erie.

" 148, " " Northumberland.

" 152, " " Easton.

" 163, " " Towanda.

" 175, " " St. Jago de Cuba.

" 181, " " ditto.

" 180, " " Jefferson.

" 182, " " Mercer.

" 184, " " Fairview.

Philad., 6 Decem., 1824.

SAM. H. THOMAS,

Dep<sup>y</sup>. Act<sup>y</sup>. G. Sec<sup>y</sup>.

Which Report on motion made and seconded, was approved.

The R. W. Grand Master informed the Brethren that this was the evening appointed by the Regulations of the Grand Lodge for the Election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year. Whereupon, on Motion made and seconded, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the election when the following Brethren were duly elected :

Bro. James Harper, R. W. Grand Master.

(Bro. John B. Gibson, R. W. Grand Master having declined a re-election.)

Bro. Thomas Kittera, R. W. Deputy Gr<sup>d</sup>. Master.

Bro. Samuel Badger, R. W. Senior Gr<sup>d</sup>. Warden.  
 Bro. Michael Nisbet, R. W. Junior Gr<sup>d</sup>. Warden.  
 Bro. Samuel H. Thomas, R. W. Grand Secretary.  
 Bro. Joseph S. Lewis, R. W. Grand Treasurer.

Grand Lodge adjourned in harmony at half past ten o'clock in the evening, to meet on the third Monday in the present month at 6 o'clock, P. M.

SAM<sup>L</sup>. H. THOMAS,  
 Acting Grand Sec<sup>y</sup>. P. T.

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PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 20 December, A. D. 1824, A. L. 5824.  
 Adjourned Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present :

Bro. JOHN B. GIBSON, R. W. Grand Master, in the Chair.

“ James Harper, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.  
 “ Thomas Kittera, R. W. Senior G. Warden.  
 “ Samuel Badger, R. W. Junior G. Warden.  
 “ Samuel H. Thomas, R. W. Grand Secretary, P. T.  
 “ James M. Broom, Deputy Grand Secretary, P. T.  
 “ Anthony Fannen, Senior Grand Deacon.  
 “ Alva Mason, Junior Grand Deacon.  
 “ Abner Kneeland, Grand Chaplain, P. T.  
 “ Adam Cornman, Grand Pursuivant, P. T.  
 “ Samuel F. Bradford, } R. W. Past Grand. Masters.  
 “ Josiah Randall, }

Lodges Nos. 2, 19, 51, 67, 71, 114, 121, 128, 130, 131, 134, 139, 152, 158, 165,  
 186, 187, 106 and 172 represented.

Nineteen Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at half past six o'clock in the evening.

Returns were received and read from the following Lodges, viz :

N<sup>o</sup>. 3. Return of Members and Account of Dues, June to December, 1806. Supplementary Return of Members to December, 1823.

21, held in Harrisburg. Communicating expulsion of G—— H—— for unmasonic conduct.

- N<sup>o</sup>. 51, held in Philadelphia. Election Returns June, 1805. Supplementary Return Members, Dec., 1823.
- 60, held in Brownsville. Supplementary Return of Members, Dec., 1823.
- 64, held in Greensburg. Supplementary Return of Members, Dec., 1823.
- 66, held in Morgantown. Supplementary Return of Members, Dec., 1823.
- 67, Communicating expulsion of C—— N—— for unmasonic conduct.
- 69, held in Chester. Supplementary Return of Members, Dec., 1823.
- 70, held in Athens. Supplementary Return of Members, Dec., 1823.
- 71, held in Philadelphia. Supplementary Return of Members, Dec., 1823.
- 75, held in Philadelp<sup>a</sup>. Supplementary Return of Members, Decem., 1823.
- 81, held in Germantown. Supplementary Return Members, Decem., 1823.
- 102, held at Frankford. Supplementary Return Members, Decem., 1823. Communication of rejection of E. W—— a candidate for membership. Election Returns, December, 1805, June, 1806.
- 106, held in Williamsport, Washington Co<sup>r</sup>. Communication of rejection of P. V——.
- 108, held in Wysox and Orwell. Supplementary Return of Members, Dec., 1823.
- 113, held in Pittsburg. Supplementary Return of Members, Dec., 1823.
- 114, held in Philadelphia. Communicating the suspension of N—— C—— for non payment of dues.
- 115, held in Philadelphia. Communication of the expulsion of J—— R——, B—— P——, I. V. D. J——, F—— R—— and J—— B. C—— for non payment of dues.
- 119, held in Hartford. Supplementary Return of Members, Dec., 1823.

- 131, held in Philadelphia. Supplementary Return of Members, Dec., 1823.
- 132, Return of Members and Account of Dues, Decem., 1817 to Decem., 1818. Supplementary Return of Members, Dec., 1823.
- 135, held in Roxborough. Supplementary Return of Members, Dec., 1823.
- 141, held in Halifax. Supplementary Return of Members, Dec., 1823.
- 143, held in Chambersburg. Communication of the expulsion of G—— K. M—— for unmasonic conduct, and of the rejection of E—— H—— an applicant for initiation.
- 147, held in Bethany, Wayne Co. Acc<sup>t</sup> of Dues to Decem., 1822 and Supplementary Return of Members, Decem., 1823.
- 150, held in Troy. General Returns, 1823. Election Returns, 1818, 1819, 1820, 1821, 1822, 1823.
- 153, held in Waynesburg. General Returns, 1823. Supplementary Return of Members, Decem., 1823. Election Returns, 1820.
- 158, held in Philadelphia. Communication of suspension of J—— A—— and I—— M—— for non payment of dues.
- 162, held at New London X Roads. Supplementary Return of Members, Dec., 1823.
- 185, held in Braintrim. Supplementary Return of Members and communi<sup>s</sup> suspension of E. C—— and E. F—— for unmasonic conduct.

The minutes of the quarterly grand communication of 6 September, of the Adjourned Quarterly Grand communication of 20 September, and of the extra Grand communication of the 2<sup>d</sup> Oct., were read and adopted.

A Petition was received and read from a number of Ancient York masons residing in Gettysburg, County of Adams, praying for a Warrant to hold a Lodge in that place to be called Good Samaritan, and nominating Sampson S. King, for first Master; Rob. Goodloe Harper for first Senior Warden, and

Thomas C. Reed, for first Junior Warden. Which Petition being in due form and recommended agreeably to the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge, it was,

On motion made and seconded,

Resolved, that a Warrant be granted accordingly, numbered 200.

Returns were received from the several past masters who were deputed to constitute Lodges.

N<sup>o</sup>. 189, held in Alvarado, Mexico.

“ 189, held in Wellsboro, Tioga County.

“ 194, held in Selins Grove and New Berlin.

“ 196, held in Mercersburg.

And a Report from the Acting Grand Secretary of the constitution of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 195, held at Beans Tavern, Montgomery Co., which were severally read and ordered to be filed.

A Communication was received and read from Bro. James Buchanan, R. W. District Deputy Grand Master, dated Lancaster, 29 Novem., stating that he had not granted any dispensations nor received any fees since his appointment.

A letter was received and read from Joseph Pollock, Jr., and others, a Committee appointed by Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 170, held in Williamsport, Washington County, stating that a number of adverse circumstances which their Letter details, the lodge had determined to wind up its concerns and return the Warrant to the Grand Lodge, they had therefore enclosed it.

On motion made and seconded,

Resolved, that the Warrant of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 170, be accepted and that the Grand Secretary write to the late Worshipful Master of that Lodge, and inform him what further measures are necessary to be adopted by him in relation to the surrender of the Warrant.

A communication was received and read from the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, detailing her proceedings at the Annual session in June last, and a communication from the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, dated September 30<sup>th</sup>, making known a number of expulsions and suspensions, which were ordered to be filed.

A communication was received and read from the Grand

Lodge of Maine, detailing her proceedings in 1823 and 1824.

On motion made and seconded,

Resolved, that the said communication be referred to a committee of three. The Grand Master was pleased to appoint Brothers James Harper, Tho<sup>s</sup>. Kittera and Josiah Randall on said Committee.

The following Resolutions were laid on the table by Brother Randall :

1. Resolved, that the Committee on land marks be and the same is hereby abolished.

2. Resolved, that said Committee be discharged from the farther consideration of the communications heretofore referred to them and not reported upon by them to this Grand Lodge, and that the same be referred to a select Committee.

Resolved, that whenever a candidate for initiation or membership shall have been rejected in a subordinate Lodge, such Lodge shall have the power to reconsider the same and admit the applicant under the following restrictions, viz :

The motion to reconsider shall be made at one stated meeting, it shall be debated and decided upon at the next or some subsequent stated meeting, and if decided in the affirmative, then, at the stated meeting next immediately subsequent to the meeting at which the motion to reconsider was adopted, the Lodge shall proceed to ballot for the admission of the applicant, whereupon, if he be unanimously approved of and elected, such vote shall be as available and effectual as if no rejection had ever taken place.

Resolved, that so much of the Regulations adopted by this Grand Lodge on the \_\_\_\_\_ as is inconsistent with these provisions be and the same is hereby repealed.

Resolved, that the Grand Secretary be directed forthwith to communicate a copy of these Resolutions to each of the subordinate Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, that the following Standing Committee of this Grand Lodge shall hold stated meetings at the times hereinafter specified.

The Committee of Correspondence on the first Monday.

The Committee of Finance on the first Tuesday.



The Comm<sup>e</sup>. of Bye Laws on the first Wednesday, and

The Committee of Charity on the first Thursday, immediately preceeding each quarterly Grand communication.

Resolved, that the Grand Secretary be requested to give at least three days notice to the members of such committees, of their stated Meetings directed as aforesaid.

A communication was received and read from the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, dated 29 October, stating that the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire had resolved to appropriate two hundred towards the erection of a monument at Mount Vernon over the remains and to the memory of our deceased brother George Washington, whenever the sum of ten thousand dollars shall be appropriated in unison with this object by the Grand Lodges of other States, as by the contributions of the Masonic Fraternity, and whenever specific arrangements shall have been made for the erection of the Monument, and inviting the co-operation and assistance of this Grand Lodge in the undertaking.

A communication was read from the Grand Lodge of New York, dated 1 Decem., approving of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire and stating that she had appropriated One thousand Dollars towards the contemplated Monument.

On motion made and seconded,

Resolved, that the said communications be referred to a committee of five.

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint Brothers Kittera, Toland, Brome, S. Allen and Hopkins.

The Committee appointed on the 1st March to enquire into the expediency of procuring a new Seal and Seal Press, made the following Report, which with the accompanying Resolutions was adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

The Committee appointed in March last to enquire into the expediency of procuring a new Seal and Seal Press beg leave to Report,

That the present seal of the Grand Lodge, originally of coarse workmanship and engraved on a bad material, is much worn.

The Seal Press is wholly inadequate to the purpose for which it was intended. Dry impressions of either seal cannot be given by this press, and fair impressions of the Grand Lodge Seal can with difficulty be given even when a Wafer is employed.

The Committee recommend the adoption of the following Resolutions :

Resolved, that a Committee of three be appointed to procure a Seal Press, constructed on the lever principle, and a seal of such design and workmanship as may be approved by the Grand Officers.

Resolved, that the said Committee be authorized to dispose of the present Seal Press as they may deem expedient.

JAMES HARPER,  
THOMAS KITTERA,  
SAMUEL BADGER.

The Grand Master was pleased to appoint Brothers James Harper, Thomas Kittera and Samuel Badger a Committee for the above purposes.

On motion made and seconded, the Comm<sup>e</sup>. appointed 24 Decem., 1822, on collections for Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 143 were discharged.

The Committee appointed on the 24 June on the a/c of Nos. 43 and 52 presented the following Report :

The Committee to whom were referred the Communications from Lodges No. 43 and 52 and a number of similar communications from other Lodges in relation to the a/cs of the Grand Lodge against them for Errors and Omissions beg leave to Report,

That many persons were returned by the different subordinate Lodges as members, to some certain time, and afterwards omitted without any reason being assigned for such omission.

That in many instances, petitioners for a Warrant have never been returned to the Grand Lodge as members of the Lodge warranted in consequence of the Petition.

The Accounts referred to in the communications before your Committee, contain debits for dues on all members and peti-

tioners omitted, calculated to the 27 December, 1823. It appears that few of the persons omitted are acknowledged as members of the Lodge debited with their dues, a number are accounted for, and errors in former Returns thereby corrected. Many of the persons omitted, it is stated, withdrew, died, were suspended or expelled about the time they were last returned and that no evidence of the fact appears on the Minutes of the Lodges. In several instances it is only supported by the general and imperfect resolutions of some of the present active members.

As it is of great importance that the a/cs of the Grand Lodge with the subordinate Lodges should be satisfactorily adjusted and the number of members ascertained to a point from which both may mutually start, your Committee are of opinion that the Grand Secretary should be allowed to adjust all the stated differences on principles of equity, when the several subordinate Lodges shall have rendered the most correct supplementary Returns their respective situations will enable them to make.

Your committee perceived with regret in the course of their investigations, that many difficulties and irregularities have arisen from Warrants being granted on Petitions, signed by brethren who were at the time members of other Lodges, and also from Masons being admitted to membership in a Lodge, before they had withdrawn from the Lodge they personally belonged to.

They recommend the following Resolutions for the adoption of the Grand Lodge :

Resolved, that the Grand Secretary be and he is hereby authorized to adjust the a/cs of the subordinate Lodges up to the 27 December, 1823, and all differences relating thereto on the principles hereinbefore stated.

Resolved, that hereafter no Warrant shall be granted on any petition, unaccompanied by Certificates from the Lodges to which the petitioners last belonged ; or by other satisfactory evidence that they are not members of other Lodges.

Resolved, that it be communicated to the subordinate Lodges, that no Lodge shall admit a brother to membership

therein until he has produced a certificate from the Lodge to which he last belonged, or other satisfactory evidence that he is not a member of another Lodge.

Decem. 20, 1824.

JOSIAH RANDALL.

THOMAS KITTERA.

SAM. F. BRADFORD,

MICHAEL NISBET.

Which Report and resolutions were read and adopted.

The following Resolution was offered and adopted.

Whereas, the lodges in the schedule hereunto annexed, recently suspended for delinquency of dues, have complied with the terms offered to them by the Grand Secretary, set forth in the L. Schedule and subject to the final approbation of the Grand Lodge, viz: That the Warrants should be restored.

1<sup>st</sup>. On paying a certain specified sum forthwith.

2<sup>d</sup>. On agreeing to pay the balance in the sums and within the terms stipulated and that in case of failure the Warrants should be vacated without further proceedings before Grand Lodge.

Resolved, that the proceedings of the Grand Secretary herein be and they are hereby confirmed, and that the R. W. Grand Master be authorized to accept similar terms from other Lodges now under suspension.

*Schedule* referred to in the foregoing.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 104, New Holland.

Proposition 27 Sept. as modified 4 Decem.

\$75 to be paid forthwith.

40<sup>43</sup> do. on June together with the dues for the present year.

40<sup>43</sup> do. on December next.

40<sup>43</sup> do. on June 1826, together with the dues for 1825.

40<sup>44</sup> do. on December, 1826.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 146, Meadville.

Proposition 20 October.

\$125 to be paid forthwith.

37<sup>50</sup> on 1 April, 1825, together with the dues for the present year.

37<sup>50</sup> on 1 October, 1825.

37<sup>50</sup> on 1 April, 1826, together with the dues for 1825.

37<sup>50</sup> on 1 April, 1826.

37<sup>50</sup> on 1 April, 1827, together with the dues for 1826.

Balance 1 October, 1827.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 147, Bethany. Prop<sup>n</sup>. of 20 Aug.

\$30 to be paid forthwith.

30 do. within six months.

30 do. do. twelve months.

30 do. do. eighteen months.

41<sup>41</sup> do. do. twenty four months.

And the current dues to be regularly paid.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 151, Allentown.

Proposition of 27 September.

\$50 to be paid forthwith.

37<sup>50</sup> do. 27 December, 1824.

37<sup>50</sup> do. 27 March, 1825 together with the dues for 1824.

37<sup>50</sup> do. 27 September, 1825.

Balance on 27 March, 1826, together with the dues for 1826.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 156, Chestnut Level.

Proposition 19 October.

\$40 to be paid forthwith.

20 do. 19 January, 1825.

20 do. 19 April, 1825, together with the dues for 1824.

20 do. 19 October, 1825.

Balance 19 April, 1826, together with the dues for 1825.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 138, Orwigsburg, (not notified of their suspension).

Proposition 21 Sept.

\$40 to be paid before 20 Decem., 1824.

40 do. 20 March, 1825.

40 do. 20 Septem., 1825.

Balance 20 March, 1826, and the current dues to be regularly paid.

Similar terms to the foregoing offered to  
Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 70, held at Athens.

- 100, " " Bloomsburg.
- 119, " " Hartford.
- 124, " " Erie.
- 145, " " Wilkinsburg.
- 148, " " Northumberland.
- 149, " " Montrose.
- 150, " " Troy.
- 163, " " Towanda, and
- 25, " " Bristol.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that the Committee of Finance be instructed to enquire into the expediency of receiving any sums of money from the subordinate Lodges which they may offer to the Grand Lodge and allowing four per Cent per Annum for the use of the same, provided that not less than —— dollars, shall be received nor interest be paid for a less period than six months.

A Report was received and read from the Comm<sup>e</sup>. of Bye Laws on the Bye Laws of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 21, held at Harrisburg, which was ordered to lie on the table.

The following Reports were received from the Committee on Bye Laws, read and severally adopted, viz :

On the By Laws of 51. Recommending the adoption of the addition they submitted.

On the By Laws of N<sup>o</sup>. 69, held at Chester, recommending their adoption with the following alteration : In Article 3 line 22<sup>d</sup> Strike out the word "admitted" and insert in lieu thereof "he shall be initiated."

On the By Laws of N<sup>o</sup>. 134, Philadelphia, recommending the adoption of the alteration submitted.

On the By Laws of N<sup>o</sup>. 160, Philadelphia, recommending their adoption and the following alterations : In line 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> of Article 3<sup>d</sup> strike out all between the words "making and &" and insert in lieu thereof "the necessary enquiry."

On the By Laws of N<sup>o</sup>. 189, Wellsboro', recommending

their adoption with the following alterations, Viz: Strike out the 2<sup>d</sup> Article and insert in lieu thereof "Any person desirous of being initiated into the mysteries of Free Masonry shall petition in writing, stating his age, occupation and residence, and be recommended by at least two master masons who are members of this Lodge, when a Committee of three members who are Master Masons (neither of whom shall be recommenders) shall be appointed to make the necessary enquiry and a majority of whom shall report at the next stated meeting; if the Report be favourable the candidate shall be balloted for and if unanimously approved of, he shall be initiated by previously paying the sum of fifteen dollars which shall entitle him to be passed and raised to the sublime degree of master mason, provided he is otherwise well qualified for such advancement. In Article 3<sup>d</sup> between the words "dollars" in line 2<sup>d</sup> and "such" in line 3<sup>d</sup> insert "and the same proceedings shall be had as to the appointment of a Committee, report, ballot, &c., specifically laid down in the preceding Article."

The Committee of Finance presented sundry Reports, viz:

On the a/cs of the Hall Committee for the 3<sup>d</sup> quarter of 1824, shewing a balance in favor of the Grand Lodge on 30 September of \$89<sup>22</sup>.

On the a/cs of the late Grand Sec<sup>y</sup> and the present Acting Grand Sec<sup>y</sup> for the 3<sup>d</sup> quarter of 1824, shewing a balance in favour of the Grand Lodge on the 30 September of \$4<sup>00</sup>.

On the a/cs of Joseph S. Lewis, Grand Treasurer, for the 3<sup>d</sup> quarter of 1824, shewing a Balance in favour of the Grand Lodge on the 30 September of \$3190<sup>25</sup>.

On the receipts and expenditures of the Grand Lodge for the 3<sup>d</sup> quarter of 1824, shewing a Balance due the Grand Lodge, in the Grand Treasury on the 30 September of \$3286<sup>18</sup>.

A Report was received and read from the R. W. D. D. G. M. Brother James Buchanan on the complaint of Oliver McDonald against Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 116, which was referred to him on the 24 June to make an investigation of the facts. On

motion made and Seconded, the same was referred to a committee consisting of J. Randall, W. F. Seeger and J. S. Riley.

Bro. Randall laid on the table the following Resolution :

Resolved, that the 5<sup>th</sup> Resolution of the Report adopted on the 7 Jan<sup>y</sup>. 1822, establishing a Committee of Finance, be so far modified as that the Committee shall Report to this Grand Lodge on all subjects referred to them, as in other cases, unless otherwise directed by this Grand Lodge.

Sundry communications were read from Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 106, held at Williamsport, and sundry members of that Lodge, in relation to A—— W——, who after having been rejected in Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 106, was entered, passed and raised in Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 148 and pressing a decision on the case, heretofore referred to the Grand Lodge and not yet acted on.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that the Comm<sup>e</sup>. on Land Marks be discharged from the consideration of the papers referred to them in the case of A—— W—— and that the original papers together with the documents now read be referred to a Comm<sup>e</sup>. of three.

The Grand Master appointed Brother James M. Linnard, C. Kneass and A. Mason on said Committee.

A communication from Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 138, held at Orwigsburg, complaining of the unmasonic conduct of H—— W——, late a member of that Lodge, was on Motion made and seconded, referred to a committee of three.

The Grand Master was pleased to appoint Brothers Geo. Getz, Biddle Peacock of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 62 on the said Committee.

A Communication was received from Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 61, held at Wilkesbarre, in relation to the state of their Account with the Grand Lodge, and on Motion made and seconded, was referred to the Committee of Finance.

A communication was received and read from Henry Jarret, dated Jarrets Bridge, 10 June, renewing his complaints of the conduct of Henry Gwinner.

On motion made and seconded,

Resolved, that the Grand Secretary be directed to return the said communication to Henry Jarret.



The Deputy Acting Grand Sec<sup>y</sup> communicated to the Grand Lodge that the Warrant of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 107, held at Kaskaskia, vacated for delinquency of dues on the 7 June, had been returned under a blank cover through the Post office.

On motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that the Grand Secretary write to the late master of late Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 107, requesting him to deliver the Jewels, Funds, Books, &c., of the Lodge and inform him that the members individually remain suspended from the benefits of this institution until the request be complied with.

The Grand Lodge adjourned in harmony at 9 o'clock in the evening, to meet on the third Monday in January at six o'clock, P. M.

SAM. H. THOMAS,  
Acting Grand Secretary.

Monday, 27 December, A. D. 1824, A. L. 5824.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, General Grand Communication.

Present :

BRO. JAMES HARPER, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, in the Chair.

- " Thomas Kittera, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
- " Samuel Badger, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
- " John K. Kane, Acting Grand Secretary.
- " Samuel H. Thomas, Deputy Acting Gr<sup>d</sup>. Sec<sup>y</sup>.
- " A. Fannen, Senior Grand Deacon.
- " Joseph S. Riley, Junior Grand Deacon.
- " Abner Kneeland, Grand Chaplain, P. T.
- " Adam Cornman, Grand Pursuivant.

Lodges Nos. 2, 9, 19, 51, 52, 72, 91, 115, 128, 134, 155, 158, 160, 165, 186 and 187 represented.

Sixteen Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in due form at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past ten o'clock in the forenoon.

A Petition was received and read from a number of Ancient York Masons residing in Northampton County, Praying for a Warrant to hold a Lodge at Mauch Chunk, in the Lehigh, and nominating Jedaih Irish, for first Master; Isaac Salheld, for first Senior Warden, and John Leizinning, for first Junior Warden, which petition being in due form and recommended agreeably to the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge, but unaccompanied by the Certificates from the Lodges to which the Petitioners last belonged, it was on motion made and seconded,

Resolved, that the prayer of the petition be granted and that the Grand Secretary issue a Warrant accordingly so soon as the petitioners deliver Certificates to the satisfaction of the Grand Master, the Warrant to be numbered 201.

Communications were received from the Grand Lodges of Kentucky and Indiana, with the signatures of their officers and were ordered to be filed.

The following Returns were received, read and ordered to be filed, viz :

N<sup>o</sup>. 9, Philadelphia. General Returns for 1824, containing the suspension of W—— C——.

59, Philadelphia. General Returns for 1824, containing the expulsion of W—— N——, J—— S——, J—— T——, J—— P——, J—— T——, O—— B—— and J—— C—— for non payment of dues, and the reinstatement of W—— P——.

67, Philadelphia. General Returns for 1824, containing the expulsion of C—— N——.

71, Philadelphia. 1824, General Returns, containing the suspension of A—— H——, G—— M<sup>c</sup>D——, A—— M—— and F—— A—— for non payment of dues.

114, Philadelphia. General Returns 1824, containing the expulsion of W—— K——, S—— G——, R. H——, A. B——, J. J——, M. C——, F. W. W——, G. B—— and S. O——.

115, held in Philadelphia. G<sup>l</sup> Returns 1824, containing the suspension of H—— S——, J—— P——, Jr.,

W—— H——, J—— E——, F. S. B—— and the suspension and expulsion of D—— R——, J—— B. C——, B—— P——, I. D. V. I——, F—— R——, J—— H—— and T—— S—— for non payment of dues. Also the reinstatement of John Swift. .

121, Philadelphia. General Returns for 1824.

123, York. General Returns for 1824.

128, Philadelphia. General Returns for 1824, containing the suspension of T—— B. B——, G—— R——, C—— P—— and F—— C. S——, and the expulsion of A—— N. L——.

134, Philadelphia. Gen<sup>l</sup> Returns 1824, containing the expulsion of L—— E. W—— for unmasonic conduct.

135, Roxborough. General Returns 1824, containing the suspension of J—— B—— and W—— S—— for non payment of dues.

152, Easton. General Returns for 1823 and 1824.

156, Chestnut Level. General Returns for 1824, containing the expulsion of J—— N—— and S—— B—— for non payment of dues.

158, Philadelphia. General Returns for 1824, containing the expulsion of J—— A—— and I—— M—— for non payment of dues.

160, Philadelphia. General Returns for 1824, containing the expulsion of S—— P. B—— for embezzling the funds of the Lodge.

180, Jefferson. Return of Members, a / c of dues and Election Returns for 1822. General Returns for 1823.

186, Philadelphia. General Returns 1824, containing the expulsion of C—— P—— for non payment of dues.

187, Philadelphia. General Returns 1824.

The Acting Grand Secretary stated some very improper proceedings which had been communicated to him in relation to the entering, passing and raising of Capt. Dean Weymouth in Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 21 at Harrisburg by virtue of a Dispensation from the Grand Master dated the inst. Whereupon, it was Resolved, that a Committee of three be appointed to enquire into the facts of the case and make report.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Master was pleased to appoint Brothers Farrel, Burnside and Read.

So much of the minutes of the last quarterly Grand Communication as relate to the election of Officers being read, and those present who were not past masters having withdrawn, the following Grand Officers elect were severally installed into their respective offices in Ancient and solemn form, and being duly proclaimed, they received the cordial and accustomed salutations of the Brethren, viz :

Bro. James Harper, R. W. Grand Master.

“ Tho<sup>s</sup>. Kittera, R. W. Deputy Grand Mas<sup>r</sup>.

Whereupon, the Brethren who had withdrawn were readmitted, and the following Grand Officers elect were then severally installed in their respective Offices in Ancient and solemn form, and being duly proclaimed, they received the cordial and accustomed salutations of the Brethren, viz :

Bro. Samuel Badger, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

“ M. Nisbet, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.

“ Sam<sup>l</sup> H. Thomas, R. W. Grand Secretary.

The R. W. Grand Master was then pleased to make the following appointments, viz :

Bro. Elhanan W. Keyser, Senior Grand Deacon.

“ J. R. Hopkins, Junior Grand Deacon.

“ Geo. C. Potts, }  
“ G. T. Bedell, } Grand Chaplains.  
“ W<sup>m</sup>. Ashton, }

“ William Wray, }  
“ Thomas Amies, } Grand Stewards.

“ Henry Horn, Grand Sword Bearer.

“ John Steele, Jr., Grand Marshal.

“ Geo. M. Dallas, }  
“ T. B. Freeman, } Committee of Correspondence.  
“ Sam<sup>l</sup> H. Perkins, }

“ Michael Nisbet, }  
“ Stephen W. Smith, } Comm<sup>e</sup>. on Bye Laws of sub-  
“ Samuel H. Thomas, } ord<sup>e</sup>. Lodges.

“ N. R. Potts, }  
“ Samuel Wonderly, } Comm<sup>e</sup>. to examine the transac-  
“ Tho<sup>s</sup>. M. Pettit, } tions of the past year and select  
for publication.

Bro. Fred <sup>k</sup> . Erringer,	}	Hall Committee.
" Geo. H. Burgin,		
" Geo. W. Jones,		
" Henry Benner,		
" I. W. Kelly,		
" William Page,	}	Committee of Finance.
" Robert Toland,		
" W <sup>m</sup> . Boyd,		
" J. J. Skerret,		
" W. F. Seeger,		
" W <sup>m</sup> . Mandry, Grand Pursuivant.		
" Charles Schneider, Grand Tyler.		

The first and second of the Resolutions laid upon the table by Brother Randall on the 20<sup>th</sup> inst. were now called up for consideration and on Motion made and seconded, they were severally Adopted.

Mess. M. Nisbet, E. W. Keyser and W<sup>m</sup>. Mayweg were appointed on a committee under the second resolution.

The Grand Lodge closed in harmony at 12 o'clock.

SAM. H. THOMAS,  
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> January, A. D. 1825, A. L. 5825.  
Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present :

BRO. JAMES HARPER, R. W. Grand Master.

- " Sam<sup>l</sup>. Badger, R. W. Dep<sup>y</sup>. Grand Master, p. t.
- " M. Nisbet, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, p. t.
- " I. R. Hopkins, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, p. t.
- " Sam<sup>l</sup>. H. Thomas, R. W. G. Secretary.
- " Sam. H. Perkins, Deputy Grand Secretary.
- " Alva Mason, Senior Grand Deacon, p. t.
- " I. W. Harris, Junior Grand Deacon, p. t.
- " Henry Horn, Grand Sword Bearer.
- " John Steele, Jr., Grand Marshal.

Bro. William Mandry, Grand Pursuivant.

R. W. Past Grand Masters.

Brother Bayse Newcomb.

“ Josiah Randall.

Lodges Nos. 2, 9, 19, 67, 91, 114, 115, 121, 128, 130, 131, 134, 139, 155, 158, 160, 186, 187, 62, 125, 172 and 165 represented.

Twenty two Lodges being represented, the Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at half past six o'clock in the evening.

Returns were received and read from the following Lodges, viz:

- N<sup>o</sup>. 2, Philadelphia. General Returns for 1824. Members expelled, G. L. C——, A—— H—— and M—— P——.
- 19, Philadelphia. General Returns for 1824. Members expelled, J—— M——, J—— W—— and W—— S—— for non payment of dues, also W—— H—— and J—— H——.
- 51, Philadelphia. General Returns for 1824. Member expelled, C—— E. M——. for non payment of dues, J—— M——, W—— S—— and J—— P. O. E—— struck off for ditto.
- 52, Philadelphia. General Returns for 1824. Members expelled, J—— D——, W—— P——, I. M. R——, J—— M<sup>c</sup>G—— and G—— G—— for non payment of dues. Candidate rejected A—— H——.
- 62, Reading. Communicating suspension of D—— R——, W—— W——, N—— S——, F—— H——, J—— S——, S—— D. F——, T—— P——, J—— M——, D—— A. B——, J—— U. S——, J—— M—— P——, S—— R——, J—— F——, T—— K——, M—— S——, J—— L——, J—— H——, D—— L——, G—— D——, P—— A——, Jr., C—— A. B——, J—— C——, Distiller, C—— F——, Jr., J—— C——, Butcher, T—— M——, F—— F——, J—— G——, W—— L——, D—— A. B—— and I—— B——. Expelled J—— L——, Jr.

- 64, Greensburg, Westmoreland County. General Returns 1824. Members suspended, D—— K——, W—— R——, J—— C. W—— and T—— H—— for non payment of dues.
- 72, Philadelphia. General Returns for 1824.
- 91, Philadelphia. General Returns for 1824.
- 94, New Hope, Bucks County. General Returns for 1824. Members expelled for unmasonic conduct, W—— G. V—— H——, H—— D——, suspended for non payment of Dues, J—— D——, S—— H—— and S—— D——.
- 106, Williamsport, Lycoming County. General Returns for 1824, communicating the rejection of J—— S——, J—— M—— P—— and P—— V—— Jr.
- 113, Pittsburg, Allegheny County. General Returns for 1824.
- 138, Orwigsburg, Schuylkill County. General Returns for 1824.
- 119, Hartford, Susquehanna County. General Returns for 1824.
- 130, Philadelphia. General Returns for 1824.
- 131, Philadelphia. General Returns for 1824.
- 139, Philadelphia. General Returns for 1824. Members expelled, J—— C——, H—— T——, N—— T——.
- 165, Pittsburg. General Returns for 1824. Member suspended, J—— B——.
- 168, Doylestown, Bucks County. General Returns for 1824. Members suspended non payment of dues, J—— S——, J—— M—— and J—— B——. Candidate rejected D—— E. B——.
- 171, Pottstown, Montgomery County. General Returns for 1824. Members suspended, R—— G—— and S—— S——.
- 172, Lebanon, Lebanon County. General Returns 1824.
- 173, Laurenceville, Allegheny County. Communicating expulsion of W—— B—— for unmasonic conduct.
- A communication was received and read from Lodge No. 21 at Harrisburg, whereby it appeared that Bro. Geo. M.

Dallas was appointed the Proxy of that Lodge in this Grand Lodge. On motion made and seconded, Resolved, That Bro. George M. Dallas be recognized as the Proxy of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 21.

A Return to the Dispensation to constitute Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 192, at Bellefonte, was read and ordered to be filed. The said Lodge was duly constituted on the 26 November last.

The following Report was received from the late R. W. District Deputy Grand Master, Bro. William R. Smith, read and ordered to be filed, viz :

Huntingdon, 27 Dec., 1824.

To the Right Worshipful James Harper, Esquire, Grand Master of Masons in and for the Commonwealth of Penn<sup>a</sup>. and Masonic jurisdiction thereunto belonging.

R. W. Sir and Brother,

In fulfilling my Duties as District Deputy Grand Master of the third Masonic District of Pennsylvania I make the following Report of my proceedings under the authorities vested in me by the Warrant of the late R. W. Grand Master :

My Report to the R. W. the Grand Lodge dated 1 December, 1823, gave the names of eight brethren of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 178 on whom I had conferred the Degree of P. Master Masons in y<sup>t</sup>. Lodge by Dispensation. The same Report gave the names of Two Brethren on whom I had conferred the Degree of Master Masons in Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 178 by Dispensation. Subsequent Letters to the Grand Secretary gave the names of several other Brethren on whom the degree of Past Masters was conferred by Dispensation.

Since Decem. 1, 1823, I have issued Dispensations to the following named Brethren. (Here follow the particulars of 10 dispensations to pass the Chair and 3 ditto to enter, pass and raise ; also a statement of a/c shewing \$40 to be due to the Grand Lodge.)

I take leave to state to the R. W. the Grand Lodge that in *every instance* wherein I have granted Dispensations, I conferred the Degree myself ; as believing the degree thus conferred was equivalent to a *Lecture* on such degree to the Lodge in which it was conferred ; and also to an official *visit* to inspect the labours of the Lodge.



The Counties composing the third Masonic District of Pennsylvania under the present Regulation of the R. W. the Grand Lodge are Dauphin, Mifflin, Centre, Huntingdon, Bedford, Somerset and Cambria.

In Dauphin County Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 21, at Harrisburg, is correct in its work, and is increasing in strength. Being located at the seat of government, during the Winter Season the lodge is well attended by visiting Brethren and extra meetings are often held for the purpose of conferring degrees on brethren who wish to arrive at a seat in the Chapter, which is also here established under Warrant N<sup>o</sup>. 21. For two Winters preceeding this time, I have been a regular Visitor of this Lodge and have much pleasure in bearing testimony to its good conduct.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 141, Halifax, Dauphin County, has been for some years in a declining state. Its situation is in a remote part of the County and not much intercourse is had with the neighbouring Lodges, or with visiting Brethren. I paid them an official visit in February last at their request and delivered three Lectures on the primary degrees of Masonry. I trust that this visit will have a good effect as I found the Brethren much gratified to experience, that although by distance removed from the great body of the Fraternity, yet they were not totally neglected by the Grand Lodge.

In Mifflin County a number of Brethren applied in June last for a Warrant to constitute a new Lodge at Lewistown, to be called Zion Lodge; but some dissatisfaction occurring among the brethren after the Warrant has been granted and the officers named in the Warrant declining to serve or removing from the County, a new application was made and all proceedings thereon are still before the Grand Lodge as I have yet received no information of the Warrant having been granted to the new applicants.

In Centre County on the 26<sup>th</sup> November, 1824, having received an authority from the Grand Lodge to constitute a new Lodge at Bellefonte, to be called the Central Lodge of Penn<sup>a</sup>. N<sup>o</sup>. 192. I attended for that purpose and opened a Lodge having first called a sufficient number of Past Masters to my assistance, when I installed the Honourable Thomas Burnside

as Master, and the other Officers named in the Warrant, and the Lodge is now duly constituted.

In Huntingdon, Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 178 is in a flourishing condition. A Hall has been finished by the Lodge in a neat style and they are preparing for a Chapter of H. R. A. Masons. This Lodge works uniformly well, and though they are able to keep their dues to the Grand Lodge regularly paid, yet they have suggested to me as their Master, the propriety of applying to the Grand Lodge for an indulgence in collecting their dues of *this* year, for *two* years in order to enable them to complete their building. At the end of that time they will be prepared to pay their debt, as the Lodge increases rapidly in its Members; But this matter will properly come before Gr<sup>d</sup> Lodge in its proper form by Petition.

In Bedford County, the Lodge has lost its Warrant, and no attempt is making to revive it.

In Somerset County, I have not visited, but an interview was had by me with some of its Members in October last at Ebensburg, in Cambria County, when they promised to collect all the Brethren in the County at some proper period, and on giving me timely Notice, I also promised to attend and deliver them Masonic Instruction.

In Cambria County no Lodge has ever been established.

In October last, at the request of the Brethren of Geo. Washington Lodge, Chambersburg, Franklin County, and on intimation that it was by the request also of the Grand Master, I attended at Chambersburg and assisted the Brethren in opening and constituting a H. R. A. Chapter. I also gave them instruction in the prior degrees of Mark Master and Most Excellent Master each of which Lodges was opened and several labours performed.

I have much pleasure on viewing the situation of the Masonic District, to be able to say, that the progress of the Royal Art has been lately very great. Three years since, the only Lodges in District were in Dauphin County; Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 178, commenced with Five Members only and it now has about 50. Two new Lodges have been applied for; one in Centre County which has been established, and one in Mifflin

County, whose Warrant is issued but under consideration and every prospect of continued increase in the Craft is fairly exhibited.

From my place of residence to Harrisburg is 95 miles. To Bellefonte 45 Miles. To Bedford 50 Miles. To Somerset 100 Miles. To Ebensburg 48 Miles. To Lewistown 35 Miles. This exhibits a large District, and I do so in order to account for infrequent visitations to the Lodges. I endeavour as much as is in my power to repay the Honour conferred on me by attention to the interests of the Grand Lodge and the benefit of the Fraternity.

I have the honour to be

R. W. Sir

Your Brother,

W. R. SMITH,

D. D. G. M.

3<sup>d</sup>. M. District.

R. W. Jas. Harper, G. M.

A Report from the Comm<sup>e</sup> of Finance to whom was referred a communication from Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 61, in relation to their Debt to the Grand Lodge was read and adopted, Viz :

To the R. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Penn<sup>a</sup>. &c.

The Committee of Finance to whom was referred the communication from Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 61, held at Wilkesbarre, dated 4 October, 1824,

Report,

That having taken the same into consideration, they are of opinion, that it would be expedient for the Grand Lodge to settle and adjust the Accounts of said Lodges and receive from them annually the sum of Forty Dollars in payment of their old debt, agreeably to their proposition of date 1 March, 1824.

Therefore Resolved, that the Grand Secretary be authorized to settle the a/c of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 61, on the above named principles.

Philadelphia, 14 Jan<sup>y</sup>. 1825.

WILLIAM PAGE.

ROBERT TOLAND.

WILLIAM BOYD.

W<sup>m</sup>. F. SEEGER.

The following Preamble and Resolution were offered by the Committee of Finance and adopted.

Whereas, the Grand Lodge is indebted to Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 9, three hundred dollars and to Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 59, two hundred dollars, which sums are secured by the Bonds of this Grand Lodge bearing an Interest of six per Cent annually, and Whereas, there are surplus funds in the Treasury of the Grand Lodge, which if applied to the Sinking Fund cannot be made to produce an Interest of five per Cent per Annum, therefore

Resolved, That the Grand Master be authorized to tender to Lodges N<sup>o</sup>. 9 @ 59 Certificates of Stock payable 1st Janu<sup>y</sup>. 1835, bearing Interest at the rate of Five per Cent per Annum, at a premium of  $1\frac{7}{10}\%$  per Cent, being the same terms on which the Loan of \$19,000 has been recently procured, and in case the aforesaid Lodges shall decline receiving such Certificates in lieu of their Bonds, that the Grand Master be authorized and requested to draw an order on the Grand Treasurer for the Amounts due to the Lodges N<sup>o</sup>. 9 and 59.  
Philad., 14 January, 1825.

WILLIAM PAGE,  
ROBERT TOLAND,  
W<sup>m</sup>. BOYD,  
W. F. SEEGER.

A Report was received and read from the Comm<sup>e</sup>. on Bye Laws on the By Laws of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 200, and as amended it was adopted.

A Report was received and read from the same Committee on the By Laws of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 201, and the consideration thereof was further postponed.

On motion made and seconded,

Resolved, that the Committee on an Ahiman Rezon and to digest a new Code of Rules and Regulations for the government of the Grand Lodge be discharged.

Resolved, That a Committee of three Members of the Grand Lodge of which the R. W. Grand Master shall be one, be appointed to compile and report the Constitution, Rules and Regulations for the Government of this Grand Lodge and of

the Lodges under its Jurisdiction with such alterations and amendments as they may deem necessary to be reported at the next Grand communication if practicable, and that the Grand Master be authorized to grant such compensation as he may deem proper, to the author or authors of the same.

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint Brothers Randall and Y. F. Gordon on said Committee.

A petition was received and read from Cha<sup>s</sup>. S. Riche and others, members of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 25, held at Bristol, whose Warrant was some time since suspended for delinquency of Dues, but recently restored under the sanction of the Resolution adopted 20 December, in relation to suspended Lodges, praying for leave to elect and instal their officers for the purpose of re-organizing said Lodge.

On motion made and seconded,

Resolved, That the Prayer of the Petition be granted.

A Petition was received and read from Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 22 stating that they had enclosed the sum required by the Grand Lodge for the restoration of their Warrant and praying for leave to elect and instal their Officers.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That the Prayer of the Petition be granted.

A Petition was received and read from a number of members of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 151, held at Allentown, Praying for leave to take a new ballot on S—— M——, a rejected candidate.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition be granted.

A communication was received and read from the Grand H. R. A. Chapter in relation to the appointment of a Committee by them on the 27 Decem., 1824, to confer with a Committee of the R. W. Grand Lodge to adjust and regulate the effect of suspensions and expulsions under each jurisdiction and to report to the R. W. Grand Lodge and to the M. E. Grand Chapter respectively, subject to their final decision and requesting the R. W. Grand Lodge to appoint a like Committee to confer with a Committee of the Grand Chapter.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed in uniformity with the request of the Grand Chapter.

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint Brothers Keyser, Horn and Wray on said Committee.

The following Preamble and Resolution were offered, viz :

Whereas, it has been represented to this R. W. Grand Lodge in a communication from Brother G. Mallory, R. W. D. Dep<sup>y</sup>. G. M., and sundry communications from B. John De Pui to the R. W. Grand Master, as well as to the M. E. Grand H. R. A. Chapter, that certain Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, have infringed on, and violated the good Rules and Regulations of the same, but more particularly in conferring the degrees of M. E. Master and Royal Arch, under the Warrants of Blue Lodges, under this jurisdiction, thereby violating and in direct contradiction to the constitution granted by this Grand Lodge to the Grand H. R. A. Chapter of the State of Pennsylvania, duly ratified and adopted by them in May last.

And Whereas, it is of importance to this Grand Lodge, as well as to the Grand H. R. A. Chapter that an immediate and effectual Check should be put to these informalities and irregular proceedings, therefore

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge communicate to all the Lodges under this jurisdiction that by a constitution granted to the M. E. Grand H. R. A. Chapter of the State of Pennsylvania, it is the exclusive prerogative of the same to issue Warrants for holding Lodges of Mark Masters, M. E. Masters and Royal Arch Chapters ; to superintend, control and have exclusive jurisdiction over them, and that their right to congregate and confer these degrees under the Warrant of a Blue Lodge is contrary thereunto and was revoked by said Constitution.

On motion made and seconded, the same was referred to a Committee of three consisting of Brothers Steele, Newcomb and H. Benner.

The Committee to whom was referred on the 20 ult<sup>o</sup> a communication from the Grand Lodge of Maine stated that they could not agree as to their Report thereon and prayed to be discharged. Brothers Randall and Harper severally presented their respective draughts of a report, the first conclud-

ing with appropriate resolutions, which Resolution together with the Communication from the Grand Lodge of Maine, were,

On motion made and seconded, declared to be the order of the day for the first Monday in February.

On motion made and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on the communication from the Grand Lodge of Maine be discharged.

A Report was received and read from the Committee appointed on the 27<sup>th</sup> Decem. on the proceedings of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 21, in the Initiation of Dean Weymouth; also, the correspondence between Brothers Randall and Kane on the same subject. And being under consideration

On motion made and seconded,

Resolved, That the same be laid on the table together with the following Resolutions offered thereon by Bro. Randall:

1. Resolved, that although the case of E. W. Hollis does not justify the conduct of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 21 as a precedent in the case of Dean Weymouth, yet as it clearly appears that the Officers and Members of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 21, acted conscientiously and did believe themselves justified by the precedent in the case of Hollis, it is unnecessary to take any other measures in the matter.

2. Resolved, that the Committee appointed be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

3. Resolved, that the Grand Secretary be directed to send a Copy of the above Resolutions to Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 21.

4. Resolved, that no person can be initiated into the Mysteries of Free Masonry either by Dispensation or otherwise, who is so far maimed or defective in his limbs or members as to be incapable of gaining a livelehood for himself and family or to perform *all* the work required of any individual member within the body of a Lodge.

The Grand Lodge adjourned in harmony at half past ten o'clock in the evening, to meet on the First Monday in February next at six o'clock P. M.

SAM<sup>L</sup>. H. THOMAS,  
Grand Secretary.

Monday, PHILADELPHIA, 7 February, 1825, 5825.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present :

Bro. JAMES HARPER, R. W. Grand Master, in the Chair.

- " Sam<sup>l</sup>. Badger, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, p. t.
- " J. R. Hopkins, R. W. Sen<sup>r</sup>. Grand Warden, p. t.
- " John Uhle, R. W. Jun<sup>r</sup>. Grand Warden, p. t.
- " Sam. H. Thomas, R. W. Grand Secretary.
- " W<sup>m</sup>. Wray, R. W. Grand Treasurer, p. t.
- " Sam. H. Perkins, Dep<sup>y</sup>. Grand Secretary.
- " Bayse Newcomb, R. W. Past Grand Master.
- " Magnus M. Murray, R. W. District D<sup>y</sup>. Grand Master.
- " C. Stout, Senior Grand Deacon, p. t.
- " Alva Mason, Junior Grand Deacon, p. t.
- " David Boyd, Grand Sword Bearer, p. t.
- " John Steele, Jr., Grand Marshal.
- " W. Mandry, Grand Pursuivant.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 21, 51, 52, 67, 71, 72, 91, 114, 115, 121, 125, 128, 130, 131, 134, 139, 155, 158, 160, 165, 186 and 152 represented.

Twenty Six Lodges being represented, the Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at half past six o'clock in the evening.

Returns from the following Lodges were received, read and ordered to be filed, viz :

- N<sup>o</sup>. 3, Philadelphia. General Returns for 1824. Members expelled for non payment of dues, P. L. B——, W. M<sup>c</sup>C——, H. V——, S—— H——, J—— D—— and G—— H——.
- 104, New Holland. Election Returns of Election held by leave of the Grand Lodge in January last.
- 125, Philadelphia, Election Returns, June, 1811. General Returns, 1824.
- 126, Philadelphia. General Returns, 1824.
- 141, Halifax. General Returns, 1824. Member suspended, G. M. W——.
- 142, Humphreyville. General Returns, 1824. Members



suspended, I—— P——, J—— J——, S. A. W——, C—— W—— and C. W. H—— for non payment of dues.

144, Milton. General Returns, 1824. Members suspended, D—— R—— and T—— M—— for non payment of dues.

151, Allentown. General Returns, 1824. P—— L—— expelled for non payment of dues.

169, Columbia. General Returns, 1824.

173, Laurenceville. General Returns, 1824. Members expelled, S—— B——, J—— S. McC——, J—— S. H—— and W—— B——.

176, Mount Pleasant. General Returns, 1824. Member suspended, J—— T—— non payment of dues.

178, Huntingdon. General Returns, 1824.

195, Beans Tavern, Bucks County. Return of Members, 1824. Election Returns, 1824. Account of dues, 1824.

A Return was received to the Dispensation to constitute Lodge No. 200 at Gettysburg, whereby it appeared that the said Lodge was duly constituted on the 1st day of January inst.

A Report was received from the Treasurer of the Charity Comm<sup>e</sup> of the Grand Lodge, whereby it appeared that there were invested on a/c of said fund, . . . \$1130.

That there were in the hands of the Treasurer, . . . 25.45

Total, . . . \$1155.45

And that were still due from Subscribers in Cash

and in Gas Loan certificates, . . . 115.

Total, . . . \$1270.45

The said Report was ordered to be filed.

A Report was received from the Hall Committee on the affairs of the Gas establishment during the last year and with the following Resolution attached thereto it was adopted:

Resolved, that the additional sum of \$112<sup>51</sup> be and the

same is hereby appropriated for the purpose of liquidating Rush and Muhlenbergs Bill of \$64<sup>70</sup> for Retorts and Snowden and Wagners Bill of \$47<sup>81</sup> for Tar furnished the Gas establishment during the last year.

A Petition was received and read from Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 160 in relation to their arrearages and on Motion made and seconded the same was referred to the Committee of Finance to enquire and make Report.

A communication was received from the Grand Lodge of Alabama, containing the names of their officers elected in December last. On motion made and seconded, the same was ordered to be filed.

The Petition for a Warrant from a number of the Brethren residing in Mifflin County, and which was laid on the table at the quarterly Grand communication held the 6<sup>th</sup> December last, was now called up for consideration, when on motion made and seconded,

Resolved, that it is inexpedient to grant a Warrant at this time for a Lodge in Lewistown.

The Report of the Committee of By-Laws on the By-Laws of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 21, held at Harrisburg, and which was laid on the table on the 20 December last, was now called up for consideration, and as amended was adopted.

A Report was received and read from the Committee of By-Laws on an amendment to the By-Laws of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 142, held at Humphreysville, and on Motion made and seconded, the same was adopted.

A Report and Account was received from the Trustees of the Masonic Loans and ordered to be entered on the Minutes, viz :

At a stated Meeting of the Trustees of the Masonic Loans held at the Hall on Monday evening 3 Jan<sup>y</sup>. 1825, the Minutes of the meeting of the Stockholders held this morning were read, whereby it appeared that Edward Burd, Stephen Girard, Jas. McAlpin, Thomas Hale and Solomon Allen and Joseph Swift were duly elected Trustees of the Stockholders.

At an adjourned meeting of the Board held on the 10 inst., Edward Burd was chosen President, Samuel H. Thomas, Secretary, and Thomas Hale, Treasurer.

On Motion made and seconded,

Resolved, that a copy of the Treasurer's Account for 1824 be presented to the Grand Lodge.

Extract from the Minutes.

SAM<sup>L</sup>. H. THOMAS,  
Secretary.

21 January, 1825.

Sinking Fund of the Masonic Loans a/c w<sup>h</sup> T. Hale, Tr.

1824.

Jan <sup>y</sup> .	To Balance, . . . . .	61.90
Apr. 3	To Cash for \$926 <sup>46</sup> 6 p. C. 1813 @ 105 $\frac{1}{2}$ .	975.10
July 7	To Cost of 672 <sup>62</sup> 6 p % 1813 @ 104 $\frac{1}{2}$ .	702.89
Nov. 17	To Cost of 2054 <sup>22</sup> 6 p % 1813 @ 103 $\frac{1}{2}$ .	2120.98
	To Balance, . . . . .	1703.80

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5564.67

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Mar. 21	By Cash of J. S. Lewis, G <sup>d</sup> . Treas., . . .	1000.
Apr. 24	By Dividend on 2467 <sup>42</sup> 6 p %, . . .	37.
May 22	By Dividend " 40 F. and M. Bank, . . .	40.
July 7	By Ditto " 204 M. Loans, . . .	612.
14	By Ditto " 3393 <sup>88</sup> 6 p C., . . .	50.89
Octo. 30	By Ditto " 4066 <sup>60</sup> do., . . .	60.98
Nov. 13	By Ditto " 40 F. and M. Bank, . . .	60.
15	By Cash Jos. S. Lewis, Gr <sup>d</sup> . Treas., . . .	2000.
	By Do. Do. " . . .	1000.

1825.

Jan <sup>y</sup> .	By Dividend 204 M. Loans, . . .	612.
	By Do. 6120 <sup>72</sup> sixes, . . .	91.80

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5564.67

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By Balance, . . . . . 1703.80

The value of the Sinking Fund on the 5 Jan<sup>y</sup> 1824,

Estimating the Stocks at par, was, . . .	24867.42
Deduct then due to T. Hale, Treas <sup>r</sup> , . . .	61.90

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24805.52

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Value 3 January, 1825, . . . . .	30224.52
Increase in one year, . . . . .	<u>\$5419.</u>

The Sinking Fund on the 3<sup>d</sup> January, 1825, consisted of the following Stocks and Cash, viz :

204 Shares of the Masonic Loans at par, . . .	\$20,400
40 Ditto Farmer's and Mechanic's Bk., . . .	2,000
527 <sup>93</sup> Six per Cents of 1812, . . . . .	527.93
5592 <sup>79</sup> Ditto of 1813, . . . . .	5,592.79
Cash in the Treasury of the Trustees, . . .	1,703.80
Total, . . . . .	<u>30,224.52</u>

The Resolution which was laid on the table by Brother Dahlgren on the 1st March last, for a reconsideration of the permanent regulation adopted on the — October, was called up and adopted ; the following substitute was then offered and agreed to.

*Permanent Regulations.*

Every Lodge situate within this State whose Returns to St. Johns Day in December are not received before the first day of March next following, shall be immediately notified thereof by the Grand Secretary and should the said Returns not be received within three months from the date of the notice, the Warrant of such Lodge shall be and it is hereby suspended.

Every Lodge situate beyond the limits of this State, but under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, whose Returns to St. John's day in December are not rendered by the first day of May next following, shall be notified thereof by the Grand Secretary and should the Returns not be received within six months from the date of the notice the Warrant of such Lodge shall be and it is hereby suspended.

A Petition was received and read from the Master and Senior Warden of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 121, held in Philadelphia, representing that the Junior Warden of that Lodge had removed from the City and resigned, and praying for permission to that Lodge to hold a new election. Whereupon, on Motion made and seconded,

Resolved, that the prayer of the Petition be granted.

The Communication from the Grand Lodge of Maine and the reports thereon of Brothers Harper and Randall, were now called up for consideration, when the following, being the first resolution attached to the Report of Brother Randall was adopted :

Resolved, that the Grand Lodge of Maine be respectfully requested to reconsider the Resolution adopted by them on the 8<sup>th</sup> January, 1824, proposing a new mode in which the degrees of Masonry may be conferred.

On Motion made and seconded,

Resolved, that the Report of Bro. Randall and the remaining Resolutions attached thereto be referred to a Committee of three. Whereupon, the Grand Master was pleased to appoint Brothers Randall, Badger and Dallas on said Committee.

The Grand Secretary announced that he had appointed Brother Samuel H. Perkins to be the Deputy Grand Secretary, which appointment was approved by the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge closed in harmony at 10½ o'clock, P. M.

SAM<sup>L</sup>. H. THOMAS,  
Grand Secretary.

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Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, A. D. 1825, A. L. 5825.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present :

BRO. JAMES HARPER, R. W. Grand Master.

- " Tho<sup>s</sup>. Kittera, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
- " Sam<sup>L</sup> Badger, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
- " M. Nisbet, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
- " Sam<sup>L</sup> H. Thomas, R. W. Grand Secretary.
- " Sam<sup>L</sup> H. Perkins, Deputy Grand Secretary.
- " E. W. Keyser, Senior Grand Deacon.
- " J. R. Hopkins, Junior Grand Deacon.
- " John Steele, Jr., Grand Marshal.

Bro. W. Mandry, Grand Pursuivant.

R. W. Past Grand Masters.

Brother Bayse Newcomb.

“ Josiah Randall.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 19, 21, 51, 52, 59, 67, 91, 114, 115, 126, 130, 131, 134, 139, 155, 158, 160, 165, 172, 186 and 187 represented.

Twenty three Lodges being represented, the Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at seven o'clock in the evening.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Grand Communication held on the 6<sup>th</sup> Dec., of the General Grand Communication held on the 27 December and of the adjourned Quarterly Grand communication held on the 20 December, 17 Jan<sup>y</sup>. and 7 Feb<sup>y</sup>. were read and adopted.

Returns were received from the following Lodges and ordered to be filed, viz :

N<sup>o</sup>. 3 Communicating the reinstatement of William McCorkle.

45 General Returns, 1824. This Lodge held at Pittsburg.

60, held at Brownsville. General Returns, 1824. Members expelled, S. W. C——, J. J. E—— and J—— G——. Suspended, R. W. F—— for six months.

61, held at Wilkesbarre. General Returns, 1824.

81, held at Germantown. General Returns, 1824. Member expelled, T—— R——.

102, Frankford. General Returns, 1824. Members suspended, J—— B—— and J—— M—— for non pay<sup>t</sup> of dues.

136, Abington, Montgomery Co. General Returns, 1824. Members suspended, H—— D—— and T—— C——.

143, Chambersburg. General Returns, 1824. Expelled, J—— O——, suspended, G. W. L—— and G. K. M——.

147, Bethany. General Returns, 1824. Expelled A—— P——, J—— G——.

148, Northumberland. General Returns, 1824.

149, Montrose. General Returns, 1824. Suspended, S——

D——, J—— B—— and D—— B—— for non payment of dues. Expelled, M—— B——.

159, Danville, Col<sup>a</sup>. Co. General Returns, 1824.

163, Towanda. Account of Dues December, 1822.

178, Huntingdon. Return of passings and raisings, 1822 @ 1823.

183, Tredyffring. General Returns, 1824.

185, Braintrim. General Returns, 1824. Suspended E—— F——, E—— C——.

189, Wellsboro. General Returns, 1824.

196, Mercersburg. General Returns, 1824.

A Return was received to the Dispensation to constitute Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 198, at Shippensburg, whereby it appeared that the said Lodge was duly constituted on the 17 Feb<sup>y</sup>. last.

A communication was read from Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 173, held at Laurenceville, whereby it appeared that Bro. Jas. M. Linnard was appointed the proxy of that Lodge for the year 1825. Whereupon, on Motion made and seconded, Resolved, that Bro. Linnard be recognized as such.

The following Report was received from the Grand Secretary and adopted, viz:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penn<sup>a</sup>.

The Grand Secretary has the honour to communicate to the R. W. Grand Lodge, that since his last quarterly Report of the Lodges suspended and deprived of their representation on this floor, several of those whose Warrants were suspended have either reduced their arrearages below two years dues or have complied with the terms offered to them and sanctioned by a vote of the Grand Lodge on the 20 December last, and have had their Warrants restored to them.

The list herewith marked *A* embraces all the Lodges whose labours are suspended under the 22<sup>d</sup> Regulation of the Grand Lodge, with remarks on the state of each so far as it is known to the Grand Secretary.

The list herewith marked *B* embraces all the Lodges which are not at this time entitled to a representation in the Grand Lodge.

There being no prospect whatever that Lodges N<sup>os</sup>. 120, 124

and N<sup>o</sup>. 163 will discharge their dues, the following Resolution is offered to the Grand Lodge.

Resolved, that the Warrants of Lodges N<sup>o</sup>. 120, 124 and N<sup>o</sup>. 163 be vacated for delinquency.

Respectfully submitted.

SAM<sup>L</sup>. H. THOMAS,  
Grand Secretary.

7 March, 1825.

The list marked *A* referred to in the foregoing contains the following Lodges.

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- N<sup>o</sup>. 70, Athens, Bradford Co.
- 82, Milford, Pike Co.
- 83, Damascus, Wayne Co.
- 100, Bloomsburg, Columbia Co.
- 119, Hartford, Susquehanna Co.
- 120, Tioga, Tioga Co.
- 124, Erie, Erie Co.
- 145, Wilkinsburg, Allegheny Co.
- 150, Troy, Bradford Co.
- 163, Towanda, Bradford Co.

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| N <sup>o</sup> . 25, Bristol. | 147, Bethany.        |
| 60, Brownsville.              | 148, Northumberland. |
| 61, Wilkesbarre.              | 149, Montrose.       |
| 64, Greensburg.               | 156, Chestnut level. |
| 66, Morgantown.               | 159, Danville.       |
| 72, Philadelphia.             | 164, Washington.     |
| 75, Charlestown.              | 180, Jefferson.      |
| 84, Somerset.                 | 181, St. Jago.       |
| 94, New Hope.                 | 182, Mercer.         |
| 104, New Holland.             | 184, Fairview.       |
| 108, Wysox and Orwell.        | 146, Meadville.      |
| 116, Marietta.                | 141, Halifax.        |
| 132, Honeybrooke.             | 144, Milton.         |

The following communications from Grand Lodges were severally read and ordered to be filed, viz :



Grand Lodge of North Carolina, proceedings in December, 1824.

Grand Lodge of Louisiana. Report of the Masonic trial of H. Beebe for the murder of I. B. N. Odde. Account of Grand officers elected in January, 1825.

Grand Lodge of Alabama. List of Gr<sup>d</sup>. Officers elected Decem., 1824.

Grand Lodge of Mississippi. List of Grand Officers elected in Jan<sup>y</sup>. 1825.

The following Report was received from Bro. Jos. Kingsbery, late D. Deputy Grand Master for the Counties of Bradford, Tioga and Lycoming, and ordered to be filed :

Sheshequin, 2 Feb<sup>y</sup>. 1825.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penn<sup>a</sup> :

In compliance with my duty as District Deputy Grand Master for the Counties of Bradford, Tioga and Lycoming, I take leave respectfully to report,

That it is with pain and regret that I have viewed the unprosperous situation of the Lodges in my District, and the more so, as it has been utterly out of my power to put the Lodges on that footing that would give me pleasure in seeing them placed. These difficulties have arisen from the debts due from the several Lodges to the Grand Lodge, and are standing in their present amounts. In some of the Lodges from want of economy, and in others from losses and misfortunes which have left them without funds or immediate means to discharge their dues.

I flatter myself however that these difficulties will be got over and I think I can perceive a prospect of better and more prosperous times for masonry in this quarter. I may except Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 120. This Lodge has not been well managed and is now so deep in difficulties that I see no way for them to recover their standing. I may possibly express some fears for N<sup>o</sup>. 150. I am not without hopes however, that this Lodge will surmount its difficulties. N<sup>o</sup>. 163 I trust will recover its standing.

The embarrassed situation of the Lodges in my district has

prevented the progress of the knowledge of Masonry in the higher degrees. I have not had one application for passing the Chair during the last year, consequently I have no funds to remit to the Grand Lodge.

I remain, with the highest respect and regard, the Grand Lodges fraternal Brother and obd<sup>t</sup>. St.,

JOSEPH KINGSBERY,  
D. D. G. M.

A letter was received and read from Bro. Jos. S. Lewis resigning the office of Grand Treasurer. On motion made and seconded,

Resolved, that the resignation of Bro. Lewis be accepted.

Resolved, that an Election for a Grand Treasurer be held on the 3<sup>d</sup> Monday of the present month and that the Grand Secretary duly notify the members accordingly.

The Report of the Committee appointed the 27 Decem. last on the proceedings of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 21 in the initiation of Dean Weymouth, and the Resolutions offered thereon by Brother Randall the 17 January last, were taken up for consideration, when the said Resolutions were severally adopted.

On motion made and seconded,

Resolved, that a copy of the 4<sup>th</sup> Resolution be communicated to each of the subordinate Lodges.

Resolved, that Brother Dean Weymouth be furnished with a Grand Lodge Certificate.

A Return to a Deputation granted to Bro. Tho<sup>s</sup>. Hartley Crawford on the 5 September last, was received and read, whereby it appeared that thirteen brethren had been passed to the Chair by dispensation in Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 143 between the 5 Septem. and 27 December last.

On motion made and seconded, the same was ordered to be filed.

A letter was read from Bro. Jos<sup>h</sup>. Kingsbery, late W. M. of late Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 70, Athens, stating that the Lodge could go on and comply with the regulations of the Grand Lodge if it was allowed four years credit for the dues previous to 27 December, 1824.

On Motion made and seconded, the said letter was referred to the Committee of Finance to enquire and make Report.

The following Reports were received from the Committee of Finance and adopted, viz :

On the Account of the Hall Committee for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 1824, shewing a balance of \$28<sup>95</sup> in favour of the Grand Lodge.

On the Account of John K. Kane, acting Grand Secretary for the fourth quarter of 1824, shewing a balance of \$215 due to the Grand Lodge.

On the Account of Joseph S. Lewis, Grand Treasurer for the fourth quarter of 1824, shewing a balance of \$3,179<sup>37</sup>/<sub>100</sub> due to the Grand Lodge.

Abstract of the receipts and expenditures for the fourth quarter of 1824, shewing a balance of \$3,424<sup>54</sup> in the Grand Treasury.

Abstract of the receipts and payments for the whole of the year 1824, viz :

To the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

The Committee of Finance beg leave to submit a statement of the receipts and payments of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania from the 27 Decem., 1823 to the 31 December, 1824.

*Receipts.*

Dues from Lodges in the City and County including rent, fuel and lighting, . . . . .	\$5,948.76	
Dues Lodges elsewhere, . . . . .	3,521.23	
	<hr/>	\$9,469.99
Rent of the lower rooms of the Hall, . . . . .		2,825.50
Warrants, . . . . .		810.
Dispensations, . . . . .		506.
Grand Lodge Certificates, . . . . .		40.
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Total Receipts, . . . . .		\$13,651.49

*Payments.*

Interest, . . . . .	\$5,832.
Hall Comm <sup>s</sup> . Disbursements, . . . . .	\$360.80

Hall Comm <sup>s</sup> . Gas establishment, . . .	\$205.31	
do. do. Renewals Insurance ag <sup>t</sup>		
fire, . . .	79.25	
do. do. Water rent, . . .	5.	
	<hr/>	650.36
Late Gas Committee, . . .		232.45
Grand Secretary's salary, . . .	500.	
do. as Sec <sup>y</sup> . Trustees Masonic		
Loans, . . .	150.	
do. for printing Stationery and		
postage, . . .	150.	
	<hr/>	800.
Grand Tyler, Tying and Serving notices, . . .		182.50
Grand Lecturers, . . .		266.63
Sinking Fund, . . .		4,000.
Sundry subscribers to cost of Warrant for in-		
tended Lodge N <sup>o</sup> . 193, . . .		50.
Cha <sup>s</sup> . Schneider examining minutes of sundry		
Lodges, . . .		25.
Stationery for Grand Treasurer and postage		
paid for him, . . .		7.21
Discount on uncurrent notes, . . .		8.99
Incidental expenses, . . .		23.13
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		<u>\$12,078.30</u>
Balance in the Treasury 27 Dec., 1823, . . .		1,851.35
Receipts during 1824, . . .		13,651.49
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		15,502.84
Payments during 1824, . . .		12,078.30
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Balance in the Treasury 31 Dec., 1824, . . .		<u>\$3,424.54</u>

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM PAGE.  
WILLIAM BOYD.  
J. J. SKERRET.  
W. F. SEEGER.

Phil<sup>a</sup>, 4 Mar., 1825.

An account was presented from Rob. Desilver for Stationery furnished to the Grand Treasurer and by him certified to be correct amounting to \$8<sup>50</sup>. On motion made and seconded, the same was ordered to be paid.

A communication was received and read from Brother I. M. Porter and Chris<sup>n</sup> I. Hütter a committee of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 152, Easton, stating that there is a Lodge at Philipsburg opposite to Easton, working under a Warrant from the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, all of whose officers are residents of Penn<sup>a</sup>, that a person who is a resident of Easton, and desirous of being initiated in Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 152, but was advised not to apply on account of his intemperate habits, had since made application to the Lodge at Philipsburg, which had appointed a Committee thereon.

The Comm<sup>e</sup> of Lodge 152 Solicit this Grand Lodge to take the matter into consideration and adopt such measures as will prevent all clashing of jurisdiction between the Lodges in this State and those of neighbouring States.

On motion made and seconded, the above communication was referred to the Committee of correspondence to enquire and make report.

The Committee on the Preamble and Resolutions offered by Brother Steele reported as follows :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Pennsylvania :

The Committee to whom was referred the communication made by Brother Steele on the 17 January last,

Respectfully report,

That they have attended to the duty assigned them and offer the following Resolutions for the consideration and adoption of the Grand Lodge :

1. That the Grand Lodge transmit to each of the subordinate Lodges under its jurisdiction a copy of the Constitution, Rules and Regulations for the government of mark master masons and most excellent Master Masons Lodges and of Royal Arch Chapters within the bounds of its jurisdiction.

2. That the Grand Lodge do recommend to all the Lodges of Mark Master Masons and Most Excellent M. M., and to all Chapters of Royal Arch Masons within the bounds of its juris-

diction to conform to the provisions contained in the said Constitution, Rules and Regulations.

3. That no Lodge under this Jurisdiction has by the virtue of the Warrant of this Grand Lodge the right, hereafter, to confer any other degrees than those of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, Master Mason and Past master, and that no brother can receive the degree of Past master unless duly elected W. M. of a particular Lodge or by virtue of a dispensation regularly issued and obtained for that special and specific purpose.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN STEELE, JR.

B. NEWCOMB

HENRY BENNER.

7 Feb<sup>y</sup>. 1825.

The above report was adopted.

The Committee appointed on the 17 Jan<sup>y</sup>. to confer with a Committee appointed by the M. E. Grand Chapter on the subject of suspensions and expulsions made a Report which, on Motion made and seconded, was laid on the table.

The Committee of Finance to whom was referred a Memorial from Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 160, Philadelphia, in relation to their debt to the Grand Lodge presented the following Report which was adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penn<sup>a</sup>.

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred the within memorial from Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 160, Report, that they have carefully examined the merits of the application, from which they have arrived at the conclusion, that it would be inexpedient to accept the proffered note of G. Howorth in favour of S. P. Barbier in part payment of their dues; the Committee however, is inclined to grant the same indulgence which had been extended to other Lodges similarly situated, by requesting Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 160 to pay regularly their current dues and toward the arrearages adverted to in the within memorial, a sum not less than forty dollars per Annum, on compliance with which a further extension of time is recommended.

Therefore Resolved,

That the Grand Secretary, be and is hereby authorized and directed to grant Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 160 the indulgencies embraced in the principles above expressed.

W. PAGE.

W<sup>m</sup>. BOYD.

J. J. SKERRET.

W. F. SEEGER.

4 March, 1825.

A communication dated Shawneetown, 16 November, signed James Hall, Dep<sup>y</sup> Grand Master and others, was read stating the establishment of a Grand Lodge in Illinois, the difficulties under which its subordinate Lodges laboured from the debts they owed to the respective Grand Lodges under whose Warrants they formerly worked, and requesting that these Grand Lodges would transfer their claim to the Grand Lodge of Illinois for the debts due by their respective subordinate Lodges in Illinois.

On Motion made and seconded, the said communication was referred to the Grand Master with a request that he would direct a proper answer to be made thereto.

A Report was received from the Committee appointed on the 20 Decem. last on the Communications from the Grand Lodges of New Hampshire and New York and on motion made and seconded, was laid on the table.

The Grand Lodge adjourned in harmony at ten o'clock, to meet on the third Monday of the present month.

SAM. H. THOMAS,  
Grand Secretary.

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PHILA., Monday, 21 March, A. D. 1825, A. L. 5825.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present :

BRO. JAMES HARPER, R. W. Grand Master.

- “ Sam<sup>l</sup>. Badger, R. W. Dep<sup>y</sup>. G. M., P. T.
- “ C. Stout, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, p. t.
- “ Henry Benner, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, p. t.
- “ Sam. H. Thomas, Grand Secretary.
- “ Samuel H. Perkins, Deputy Gr<sup>d</sup>. Secretary.
- “ Alva Mason, Senior Grand Deacon, p. t.
- “ J. R. Hopkins, Junior Grand Deacon.
- “ Thomas Amies, Grand *Steward*, p. t.
- “ John Steele, Jr., Grand Marshal.
- “ David Nathans, Grand Pursuivant, p. t.
- “ Josiah Randall and Jno. B. Gibson, R. W. Past Grand Masters.

Lodges Nos. 3, 19, 51, 52, 67, 91, 106, 115, 121, 123, 125, 126, 128, 130, 134, 139, 152, 155, 158, 160, 165, 172, 186 and 187 represented.

Twenty four Lodges being represented, the Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at seven o'clock in the evening.

Returns were received from the following Lodges and ordered to be filed :

N<sup>o</sup>. 22, Sunbury. Return of Election held 24 Jan<sup>y</sup>. inst. by leave of the Grand Lodge.

43, Lancaster. General Returns, 1824.

69, Chester. General Returns, 1824.

132, Honeybrooke. Expulsion J—— J——, Jr., for intoxication and unmasonic conduct.

174, Downingstown. General Returns, 1824.

180, Jefferson. Election Returns Dec., 1823.

184, Braintrim. General Returns, Dec., 1823 @ 1824.

190, Norristown. General Returns, 1824.

194, Selins Grove. Return of Members, a/c of dues and Election Returns, Decem., 1824.

The following Communications were read and ordered to be filed :

From the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, with the names and signatures of her officers elected in October, 1824.

From Andrew Irvine, late Master of late Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 163, in relation to the dues debited to that Lodge by the Grand Lodge for her past masters and representatives.



A letter from Bro. John Foyle to Bro. D. Nathans and from Bro. J. S. Gibbons to the Grand Sec<sup>y</sup> in relation to a second ballot taken in Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 151, Allentown, by leave of the Grand Lodge on Samuel Marks, a candidate for Initiation, were read and the Grand Secretary directed to return a suitable reply.

The following report of the Committee of Correspondence was read and adopted :

“To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penn<sup>a</sup> :

The Committee of correspondence to whom were referred sundry documents from Easton Lodge, N<sup>o</sup>. 152,

Respectfully Report,

That the Statements therein contained are not only of importance as they relate to the rights and sovereignty of this R. W. Grand Lodge, but are equally important as they affect the character of the fraternity at large.

Numerous as are the Grand Lodges of the United States, it has been found necessary for their mutual convenience to confine their labours with much caution to the State within which they are located. To repress every irregularity which may occur is difficult, but the moment instances are made known of an infringement upon the well known rules that exist, it is the duty of the Grand Lodge affected to make them known to the brethren for correction, which your Committee is well assured will always be promptly afforded.

It appears that there is located at Philipsburg, in Sussex County, New Jersey, directly opposite the Borough of Easton, a Lodge of Masons called Olive Branch Lodge, N<sup>o</sup>. 16, held under the Warrant of the R. W. Grand Lodge of New Jersey, that the present officers of the said Lodge are resident Citizens of Easton in the State of Pennsylvania. It is stated that G. W. Desher, Esq., of the Borough of Easton, intimated a wish to become a member of the Masonic family for which purpose he applied to the W. M. of Easton Lodge, (Brother Miller) who very properly gave him no encouragement, as it appeared, on consultation with other members of Easton Lodge, that Deshler would be opposed on the ground of his intemperate habits, which were such as would bring discredit

on the Craft ; since that time Mr. Deshler has, at the request of Brother William Gray, then Master of Olive Branch Lodge, who was conversant with all the facts before stated, applied to that Lodge for Initiation, and a Committee has been appointed to make the necessary enquiries, the result of which is at present unknown.

Another circumstance has come to the knowledge of your Committee which they think it is not travelling out of the line of the duty assigned them to notice, it being immediately connected with the aforesaid subject ; that is, that many brethren under the jurisdiction of this R. W. Grand Lodge go from Penn<sup>a</sup> to the Lodges in Maryland to be passed to the Chair, which we understand is done in that State without a dispensation or expense to the applicant, by which the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penn<sup>a</sup> is deprived of the pecuniary benefit which she is fairly entitled to from members under its jurisdiction.

That brethren residing within the Territory of this Grand Lodge should pass into another State, and form themselves into a Lodge, under the Warrant of a Grand Lodge of such state for the purpose of avoiding the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge within whose limits they live, is wholly at variance with the well known adopted usages of the Grand Lodges of the United States. To the Grand Lodges of the State in which they reside the Brethren are properly amenable. Under their eye, their conduct is to pass for review, and under their controul the Masonic labours to be conducted. In no other way could the harmony of the whole system be preserved and the various parts of the great Masonic family be happily regulated.

Your Committee offer for consideration the following resolutions :

Resolved,

That the Grand Secretary be directed to communicate to the Grand Lodge of New Jersey the facts herewith stated, with a request that that Grand Lodge may adopt such measures as are expedient to correct the evils complained of.

Resolved,

That this Grand Lodge will unite in any measure as may be the means of correcting further complaints.

T. B. FREEMAN, } Comm<sup>e</sup>.  
SAM. H. PERKINS, }

A Letter was read from Brother J. S. Lewis, offering to continue performing the duties of Grand Treasurer until the close of the present quarter. On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved,

That Brother Lewis' offer be accepted, and that his resignation take effect from the 31st inst.

The Grand Lodge proceeded to ballot for a Grand Treasurer, when it appeared that Brother Robert Toland had a majority of the votes; he was thereupon declared to be duly elected.

Brother Josiah Randall, R. W. P. G. M., from the Committee to whom were referred the Preamble and Resolutions, presented by him, relative to the Communication from the Grand Lodge of Maine, made the following Report, which after due consideration was adopted without amendment:

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania have received the last Annual Publication of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Maine. They have perused them with all the attention which the proceedings of a body so respectable and intelligent certainly merit. And if, on any subject they find themselves compelled to dissent from the opinions therein expressed, they do it with reluctance, and undiminished affection for, and deference to, those from whom such opinions have emanated.

In page 9 @ 10 of this Communication it is stated the Grand Lodge of Maine having determined that to change the mode in which the Masonic Degrees have hitherto been delivered throughout the World, would not violate any Masonic principle, nor remove any Land-mark, while a contrary principle would go to exclude a portion of our fellow Citizens among the most conscientious and virtuous in the Community.

The manner in which Masonic Degrees have hitherto been conferred, so far as it is connected with the subject matter

now under consideration, is believed to be uniform and universal. It is not the practice of a day, a year, a single age, nor of a single nation, but of the whole Masonic community from its first existence to the present moment throughout the world. If such a constant and uninterrupted practice do not render this form and ceremony an usage, a custom, a masonic principle and a land mark, the Grand Lodge are at a loss to know what authority or what tradition will create a land mark or what is a land mark? Secrecy is the sacred ligament that unites the craft together, separates them from the world and renders them within themselves one and indivisible. Destroy or weaken this bond and the principles of the order will degenerate into an useless, neglected and theoretical system of ethics.

It is said, however, that our present system excludes many conscientious and virtuous individuals of the Community. It is conceded that the usage in question may, if known, have a tendency to produce this result; but surely this is not a novel objection against masonry. Every Mason knows, without having them recapitulated, the numerous physical and moral qualifications necessary to render a candidate worthy of being initiated into our mysteries, the want of any one of which, for ever bars the door against him, and yet if this reason have any validity, all these land marks may be abrogated and a new age of reason and philosophy substituted. It is unnecessary to pursue this subject further. Every mason can suggest the various disqualifications that are and have been acknowledged from time immemorial in our order.

There is no injustice in these restrictions, we compel no one to become a member of our order, every one comes from his own free will and accord, and if any one dislike our principles or our forms, he can abstain from, or cease to continue any further connection with us.

But if we should intend really to satisfy that portion of the Community for whom these concessions are proposed to be made it would be useless to stop here; the name of the Supreme Architect of the Universe would, on the most solemn occasion, be omitted, the great light of Masonry itself would

for a time become extinguished, and the most imposing scenes of our Masonic labours converted into a dry and uninteresting repetition of what would become worse than worthless, our forms and ceremonies would be perverted and the noble edifice of the order would present nothing but the wreck of what it once had been; an institution venerable for its antiquity and simplicity.

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania lay no stress upon the consequences that would accrue from the innovation, the prevarication that might be used, the abuse that would arise from the affectation of conscientious scruples; there are consequences which of themselves would present insuperable objections on the ground of expediency, did the right to make the change exist, because it will be remembered that the whole craft are dependant upon the discretion of every member of the order, and that a single individual can at any time sacrifice the interests of the whole masonic community.

The right to make the change, however, is absolutely denied. The innovation proposes to make a mason in a manner essentially and totally different from that in which any individual has ever yet, to our knowledge, been initiated, and this of itself is believed to be a decisive objection.

The Grand Lodge are aware, it may be said, mankind are in a progressive state of advancement and that masonry like other institutions must improve. Imperceptible alterations may take place in unimportant particulars, but even these should be narrowly watched, and to adopt this principle to the extent proposed would be nothing more than to lay the foundation for the utter destruction of the order. Whenever it shall be conceded that improvement justifies innovation, and each individual mason, each Lodge, or even Grand Lodge, shall become the judge of what constitutes improvement, then, instead of having one universal language sounding its cheering notes throughout the world, we shall have as many languages as there were at the tower of Babel after the confusion of tongues.

The Grand Lodge cannot express their sentiments on this subject with more energy than by using the language of the

Grand Convention of the Lodges in Pennsylvania, held on the 25 February, 1823. That body, the most august and dignified assemblage which ever deliberated in this Commonwealth on the interests of the Craft, thus express themselves in a report, which, amidst conflicting opinions on almost every topic was unanimously adopted.

“Your Committee would feel themselves wanting in their duty were they not to recommend the strictest adherence to the ancient mode of work, and a vigorous and steady opposition to every innovation. In masonry, unlike other institutions, forms and ceremonies are essential; they constitute an important part of that universal language by which a mason makes himself known to his brethren, and finds a friend in every clime, and under every situation. Our ceremonies are the arteries to our vitals by which the health and vigour of the masonic body are maintained. To hand our mysteries down unimpaired, as we have received them, is a most solemn and serious duty. Upon their preservation depend not only the benefits, but even the existence of the order. It may be truly said, when we leave our ancient landmarks we are at sea without compass or rudder. We are tossed upon the waves of uncertainty, without a guide, by which we can steer our course and navigate our bark into a safe and secure haven.”

But the ancient mode of work could exclude none from our order unless a disclosure should be made to the candidate, in itself reprehensible. It is true, the Grand Lodge of Maine have made a publication to the World; it has been done no doubt inadvertantly and from any but impure motives, but it is a precedent, which it is hoped will never be imitated. When a candidate presents himself at the door of Masonry, he is informed that his masonic duties are not inconsistent with the revealed will of God to man, the precepts of morality or the laws of his Country, and this is and ought to be the extent of the information given to him; for all beyond these declarations, he must confide in those who have gone before him and to whom he has applied for assistance on the solemn and interesting occasion.

In this Commonwealth founded by the immortal Penn, where, in political institutions, these conscientious scruples have from the earliest settlement of the province been protected, it would ill become us to deny any practical toleration within the scope of our legitimate authority; but our duties are imperative and we have no alternative.

If then these principles be correct it follows that any individual made according to the plan proposed by the Grand Lodge of Maine, is introduced into our order in direct opposition to its land marks and as to all true and lawful masons as a Cowan and a stranger with whom we can have no masonic intercourse.

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania therefore adopt the following resolutions :

1. (See minutes of 7 Feb<sup>r</sup> for this Resolution then adopted, page 303.)

2. Resolved, that this Grand Lodge feel themselves bound to refuse to recognize any person as a Mason known to be initiated in the mode proposed by the Grand Lodge of Maine.

3. Resolved, That the Grand Sec<sup>r</sup> be requested to transmit a copy of these proceedings to the Grand Lodge of Maine for their consideration.

4. Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be requested to transmit a Copy of these proceedings to the respective Grand Lodges of the United States in correspondence with this Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge adjourned in harmony at 10½ o'clock, P. M. to meet on Monday the 4th April next, for the purpose of receiving and considering the report of the Committee on an Ahiman Rezon, &c.

SAM<sup>L</sup>. H. THOMAS,  
Grand Secretary.

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PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> April, A. D. 1825, A. L. 5825.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present :

Bro. JAMES HARPER, R. W. Grand Master.

" Thomas Kittera, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

" Michael Nisbet, R. W. Senior Grand War<sup>n</sup>, p. t.

" Alva Mason, R. W. Junior G<sup>d</sup> Warden, p. t.

" Sam. H. Thomas, Grand Secretary.

" Robert Toland, R. W. Grand Treasurer.

" Wm. McDonald, Senior Gr<sup>d</sup> Deacon, p. t.

" John Wilson, Junior Gr<sup>d</sup> Deacon, p. t.

" John Steele, Jr., Grand Marshal.

" David Nathans, Grand Pursuivant.

" Bayse Newcomb,

" Josiah Randall, } R. W. Past Grand Masters.

" John B. Gibson, }

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 19, 9, 51, 67, 106, 114, 121, 128, 130, 134, 158, 165 and 186 represented.

Fifteen Lodges being represented, the Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at 7 o'clock in the evening.

Brother Robert Toland, R. W. Grand Treasurer elect, was installed into his office in ancient and solemn form, and being duly proclaimed, he received the cordial and accustomed salutations of the brethren.

Returns from the following Lodges were read and ordered to be filed :

N<sup>o</sup>. 19, Philadelphia. Supplementary Return of Members, December, 1823.

50, Westchester. General Returns, 1824. Suspensions, J—— C. B——, R—— T. M——, E—— C——, J—— C——, A—— M——, Jr., T—— W——, A—— J——, S—— M—— and O—— T—— for non payment dues and J—— M——. Rejected T—— G——.

67, Supplementary Return of Members, December, 1823.

72, Philadelphia. Supplementary Return of Members, December, 1823.

75, Charlestown, Chester County. General Returns, 1824. Expelled F—— B——.



- 83, Damascus, Wayne Co. Return of Members and Account of dues, December, 1821.
- 116, Marietta. Supplementary Return of Members, December, 1823.
- 125, Philadelphia. Supplementary Return of Members, December, 1823. Account of the expulsion of M—— B—— for unmasonic conduct.
- 128, Philadelphia. Supplementary Return of Members.
- 132, Honeybrooke. Election Return, Decem., 1812, and Decem., 1817. General Returns, 1824, cont<sup>s</sup> expulsion J—— W—— unmasonic conduct and W—— McF——, nonpay<sup>t</sup> dues.
- 136, Abington. Supplementary Return of Members, December, 1823.
- 143, Chambersburg. Comm<sup>s</sup> rejection of J—— M—— and J—— B——, applicants for initiation and membership.
- 155, Philadelphia. General Returns, 1824.
- 162, New London X Roads. General Returns, 1824.
- 194, Selins Grove. Account of dues, 1824.

Printed Communications were received from the Grand Lodges of Maine, Massachusetts, Vermont and Tennessee, and on motion made and seconded, were referred to the Committee of Correspondence to examine and report thereon.

The Committee of Finance made the following Report on the letter of Bro. Jos. Kingsbery, referred to them on 7 March :  
To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penn<sup>a</sup> :

The Committee of Finance to whom was referred the annexed application from Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 70, having duly considered the same, are of opinion that the request should be granted, and therefore submit the following Resolution :

Resolved, that the Grand Secretary be and is hereby authorized and directed to adjust the accounts of Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 70, allowing them thirteen Dollars, being the amount charged them for discount on uncurrent Bank notes, upon said Lodge agreeing to pay in Four equal annual Instalments the Bal-

ance due the Grand Lodge on the 27 December last, and their current dues regularly from that date.

WM. PAGE,	} Committee	
WM. BOYD,		of
WM. SEEGER,		Finance.

4 April, 1825.

On Motion made and Seconded, the above Report was adopted.

The Committee of Finance presented the following Report :

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, &c.:

The Committee of Finance having a general view to the interests of the Grand Lodge, beg leave respectfully to state, that the Insurance in New York on the Hall and Furniture, amounting to \$21,000 will expire on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of May next, and deeming it expedient to relinquish that part which is on the building, do hereby offer the following Resolution, viz :

Resolved, that the Insurances heretofore effected in the Merchants and Globe Insurance offices in the City of New York on our Masonic Hall and Furniture, be and the same is hereby relinquished from and after the 11<sup>th</sup> day of May next, and that the Hall Committee be authorized and directed to effect Insurance on or before the 18<sup>th</sup> day of May next, on the furniture contained within the several apartments of the Hall for a sum not exceeding \$5,000 and on the best practicable terms.

WILLIAM PAGE.

WILLIAM BOYD.

W. F. SEEGER.

4 April, 1825.

On Motion made and seconded, the above report was adopted.

A communication was received from Robert Blower late a member of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. complaining of the conduct of John Pearce, a member of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 158.

On Motion made and seconded, the same was referred to a Committee consisting of Brothers Nisbet, W. Boyd and Potts to enquire into the facts and make report.

The Committee on the Ahiman Rezon reported that part

thereof which contains the Rules and Regulations for the government of the Grand Lodge and the subordinate Lodges; and the same being under consideration by paragraphs, the Grand Lodge Adjourned in harmony at half past ten o'clock, to meet on Thursday next the 7<sup>th</sup> inst. to resume it.

SAM<sup>L</sup>. H. THOMAS,  
Grand Secretary.

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Thursday, PHILADELPHIA, April 7<sup>h</sup>, A. D. 1825, A. L. 5825.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present :

Bro. JAMES HARPER, R. W. Grand Master.

“ Tho<sup>s</sup>. Kittera, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

“ Sam<sup>L</sup>. Badger, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

“ M. Nisbet, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.

“ Sam. H. Thomas, R. W. Grand Secretary.

“ Sam<sup>L</sup>. H. Perkins, Deputy Grand Secretary.

“ Rob. Patterson, Senior G. Deacon, p. t.

“ Jos. R. Hopkins, Junior Grand Deacon.

“ John Steele, Jr., Grand Marshal.

“ William Mandry, Grand Pursuivant.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 51, 52, 67, 71, 91, 114, 115, 123, 126, 128, 134, 139, 160, 165, 168, 186 and 187 represented.

Twenty one Lodges being represented the Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at half past seven o'clock in the evening.

The consideration of the report of the Committee on the Ahiman Rezon was resumed and continued until half past ten o'clock, when the Grand Lodge adjourned in harmony to meet again on Monday next the 7<sup>th</sup> inst.

SAM<sup>L</sup>. H. THOMAS,  
Grand Secretary.

Note.—At the meeting this evening the R. W. Grand Master announced the following appointments of District Deputy Grand Masters, viz :

*Garrick Mallery, Esqr.*, Wilkesbarre, for the District composed of the Counties of Luzerne, Pike, Wayne and Susquehanna.

*Joseph Kingsbery, Esqr.*, Sheshequin, for the District composed of the Counties of Bradford, Tioga and Lycoming.

*Magnus M. Murray, Esq.*, Pittsburg, for the District composed of the Counties of Westmoreland, Allegheny, Fayette, Greene, Washington, Butler, Beaver, Venango, Warren, Crawford, Mercer, Erie, Armstrong, Jefferson and Indiana.

*Thos. Hartley Crawford, Esqr.*, Chambersburg, for the District composed of the Counties of Franklin, Adams, Cumberland, Perry and Bedford.

*George B. Porter, Esq.*, Lancaster, for the District composed of the Counties of Lancaster, Lebanon, York, Dauphin, Berks and Schuylkill, and the townships of Honeybrook and Sadsbury in the County of Chester.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> April, A. D. 1825, A. L. 5825.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present :

BRO. JAMES HARPER, R. W. Grand Master.

“ Michael Nisbet, R. W. Deputy Grand M., P. T.

“ J. R. Hopkins, R. W. Senior G<sup>d</sup>. Warden, p. t.

“ Joseph Moore, R. W. Junior Gr<sup>d</sup>. Warden.

“ Samuel H. Thomas, R. W. Grand Secretary.

“ Samuel H. Perkins, Deputy Grand Secretary.

“ Tho<sup>s</sup>. S. Manning, Senior Grand Deacon.

“ Junior Grand Deacon.

“ John Steele, Jr., Grand Marshal.

“ David Nathans, Grand Pursuivant, p. t.

“ Josiah Randall, R. W. Past Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 19, 51, 52, 67, 71, 114, 115, 128, 130, 131, 134, 165, 168, 172, 186, 187, 152 and 123 represented.

Nineteen Lodges being represented, the Grand Lodge was opened in Ample form at half past seven o'clock in the evening.

Returns were received and read from Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 21, Harrisburg, containing the expulsion of G—— H—— for unmasonic conduct.

A letter was read dated 30 March, from Samuel Run, W. M. of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 151, Allentown, communicating the expulsion of C. L. H—— and P—— G—— for unmasonic conduct. An appeal from said H—— and G—— against these expulsions was read when the following preamble and resolutions were adopted :

Whereas, it appears by the proceedings of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 151, that C—— L. H—— and P—— G—— were expelled by that Lodge without any hearing, notice of charges or opportunity to defend themselves, and it is stated these irregular expulsions were immediately published in the newspapers, and whereas such proceedings are highly censurable and unmasonic, and it further appearing that there are mutual charges against the proceedings of said Lodge, its present Worshipful Master and the said C. L. H—— and P—— G——, therefore,

Resolved, that for the reasons above stated and without prejudging the merits of the accusations, the expulsions by Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 151, of the said C. L. H—— and P—— G—— be and they are hereby rescinded.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to enquire into the circumstances attendant upon the present disputes of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 151 and its members, with directions to report the facts and their opinions thereof and that all the documents relative thereto before this Grand Lodge be referred to the said Committee.

Brother George Getz, Francis B. Nicholas and William Wilson were appointed the Committee under the foregoing Resolutions.

The consideration of the Report in part, of the Committee on the Ahiman Rezon was resumed, when, on motion made and seconded, the said report in part, consisting of an entire

code of Rules and Regulations for the government of the Grand and subordinate Lodges and their members, as amended was adopted.

The Committee on the Ahiman Rezon reported the old constitutions of 1717 for publication; the consideration thereof was postponed until the next meeting.

On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That in consideration of the H. R. A. Chapter, N<sup>o</sup> 51 not having met during the year 1823, the Hall Committee be authorized to remit to the said Chapter one years rent if they shall deem the same expedient.

On Motion made and seconded, the following Preamble and Resolutions were adopted, viz :

Whereas, Brother Joseph S. Lewis has resigned the office of Grand Treasurer of this Grand Lodge, which station he has filled (during the last nine years,) with so much honour to himself and advantage to the Craft during the last nine years, a period of unexampled financial distress, therefore,

Resolved, That the sincere thanks of the Grand Lodge be presented to Brother Joseph S. Lewis for the laborious, faithful and successful manner in which he has managed the funds of this Grand Lodge during the period he has held the office of Grand Treasurer, and that the Grand Lodge regret his inability to discharge any longer the duties of that station.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be requested to transmit a copy of the above Resolution to Bro. Lewis. The G. L. Adjourned in harmony at half past ten o'clock in the evening, to meet again on Monday evening the 18<sup>th</sup> inst.

SAM<sup>L</sup>. H. THOMAS,  
Grand Secretary.

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PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 18 April, A. D. 1825, A. L. 5825.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Quarterly Grand Commun<sup>n</sup>.

Present :

Bro. JAMES HARPER, R. W. Grand Master.

- Bro. Samuel Badger, R. W. Dep<sup>y</sup>. G. M., p. t.  
" C. S. Cox, R. W. Sen<sup>r</sup>. Gr<sup>d</sup>. Warden, p. t.  
" R. W. Jun<sup>r</sup>. Gr<sup>d</sup>. Warden, p. t.  
" Sam<sup>l</sup>. H. Thomas, R. W. Grand Secretary.  
" Sam<sup>l</sup>. H. Perkins, Dep<sup>y</sup>. Gr<sup>d</sup>. Secretary.  
" Robert Toland, R. W. Grand Treasurer.  
" Henry Benner, Senior Grand Deacon, p. t.  
" John Wilson, Junior Grand Deacon, p. t.  
" David Nathans, Grand Pursuivant, p. t.  
" John Steele, Jr., Grand Marshal.  
" Josiah Randall, R. W. Past Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 52, 59, 72, 114, 123, 125, 128, 134, 158, 165 and 186 represented.

Fifteen Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at half past seven o'clock in the evening.

General Returns were received and read from Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 116, Marietta, whereby it appeared that O—— M<sup>c</sup>D—— and C. B—— were suspended for non payment of dues. The said Returns were ordered to be filed.

The following Preamble and Resolution were adopted, viz :

Whereas, Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 119, held at Hartford, has paid fifty dollars on a/c of the first instalment of its dues owing 27 December, 1823, and has promised to pay the remainder of said instalment together with the dues of last year and the second instalment in June next. Therefore,

Resolved, That the Warrant of said Lodge be revived under the expectation that the said promise will be fulfilled.

On motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That Robert Russel, who was suspended by late Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 127, and has since discharged his arrearages due to said late Lodge, by a payment to the Grand Treasurer, be and is hereby reinstated in his masonic rights and privileges.

The Grand Lodge proceeded to the consideration of the Constitutions of 1717, reported by the Committee on the Ahiman Rezon at the last meeting, of an Historical essay prepared by the Committee, and the ceremonies, prayers and charges heretofore in use, reported by the Committee this evening, all of which were approved for the publication.

On motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Ahiman Rezon be requested to publish the same and superintend the printing, &c.

On motion made and seconded,

Resolved, That the Report of the Committee read in Grand Lodge on the 7<sup>th</sup> March last, in relation to the mutual effect of expulsions and suspensions in the Chapters and Lodges, be made the order of the day for the first Monday in June next.

Brother Gowen offered the following Resolution, viz :

Whereas, it does appear to this Gr<sup>d</sup>. Lodge, that so much of the Constitution of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter as sanctioned by Grand Lodge, 5 January, 1824, placing Mark Lodges under the jurisdiction of said G. H. R. A. Chapter has been productive and is susceptible of much mischief arising from the collision of these separate orders, therefore

Resolved, That so much of said Constitution as places Mark Lodges and the Mark Degree under the jurisdiction of said Grand Chapter, as may be interpreted and expressed in the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Article of said Constitution be and the same is hereby repealed.

The following Resolution was then offered by Brother Randall. Resolved, that Bro. Gowen's Preamble and Resolution be referred to the G. H. R. A. Chapter.

And the same being under consideration, it was on Motion made and seconded, that both Resolutions be made the order of the day for the first Monday in June.

The Grand Lodge closed in harmony at half past ten o'clock in the evening.

SAM. H. THOMAS,  
Grand Secretary.

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PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> June, A. D. 1825, A. L. 5825.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present :

Bro. JAMES HARPER, R. W. Grand Master.



Bro. Thomas Kittera, R. W. Deputy Gr<sup>d</sup>. Master.

“ Samuel Badger, R. W. Senior Gr<sup>d</sup>. Warden.

“ Michael Nisbet, R. W. Junior Gr<sup>d</sup>. Warden.

“ Samuel H. Thomas, R. W. Grand Secretary.

“ Samuel H. Perkins, Deputy Gr<sup>d</sup>. Secretary.

“ Robert Toland, R. W. Grand Treasurer.

“ Adam Cornman, Jr., Senior Gr<sup>d</sup>. Deacon, p. t.

“ David Boyd, Junior Grand Deacon, p. t.

“ John Steele, Jr., Grand Marshal.

“ W<sup>m</sup>. Boyd, Grand Sword Bearer, p. t.

“ Samuel F. Bradford, } R. W. past G<sup>d</sup>. Mas<sup>r</sup>.

“ Josiah Randall,

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 19, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 91, 114, 115, 121, 126, 128, 130, 131, 134, 155, 158, 159, 168, 152, 186 and 187 represented.

Thirty five Lodges being represented the Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at 7½ o'clock in the evening.

The Minutes of the quarterly grand communication of the 7<sup>th</sup> March last and of the adjourned quarterly grand communications of the 21 March and of the 4<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> April last, were read and severally adopted.

A Petition was received and read from a number of brethren residing in Green Castle, Franklin County, Penn<sup>a</sup>., praying for a Warrant to hold a lodge in that place to be called Mount Pisgah and nominating for the first officers thereof John D. Work, Worshipful master; Joseph D. C. Artz, senior warden, and Samuel Duffield, junior warden. The said petition being in due form as prescribed by the 28<sup>th</sup> Section, Chapter 3, Book 2<sup>d</sup> of the Ahiman Rezon, on motion made and seconded, it was

Resolved, That a Warrant issue in favour of the petitioners numbered 202.

A petition was received and read from a number of brethren residing in Mifflin County, praying for a Warrant to hold a lodge in the town of Mifflin, to be called Jackson, and nominating for the first officers thereof Bro. Henry H. Burr, Worshipful master; Henry G. Hesser, senior warden, and John Ritchey, junior warden. The said petition being in due form as prescribed by the 28 Sec<sup>n</sup> Chap. 3, Book 2<sup>d</sup> of the Ahiman rezon, on motion made and seconded, it was resolved,

That a Warrant issue agreeably to the prayer of the petition numbered 203.

A commission was received and read from Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 176, held at Mount Pleasant, Westmoreland County, directed to Bro. John K. Kane, appointing him the proxy of that Lodge for the ensuing year. Whereupon, on motion made and seconded,

Resolved, That Bro. John K. Kane be recognized as the proxy of the said Lodge.

A commission was received and read from Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 174, held at Downingtown, directed to Bro. Josiah Randall, appointing him the proxy of that lodge in the room of Bro. William McCorkle who has ceased to be a member of this grand lodge. Whereupon, on motion made and seconded,

Resolved, That Bro. Josiah Randall be recognized as the proxy of the said lodge.

The following Report was received from the Grand Secretary and ordered to be filed :

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

In obedience to Sec<sup>n</sup>. 13, Chap. 3, Book 2, of the Ahiman rezon the Grand Sec<sup>y</sup>. respectfully reports, that the Warrants of the following lodges are suspended, viz : For non payment of dues and neglecting to make returns to December last :

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 25, held at Bristol.

“ 104, “ “ New Holland.

“ 146, “ “ Meadville.

For non payment of dues.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 82, held at Milford.

“ 83, “ “ Damascus.

“ 100, “ “ Bloomsburg.

“ 145, “ “ Wilkinsburg.

“ 150, “ “ Troy.

For neglecting to render returns to December last.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 108, held at Wysox and Orwell.

Respectfully submitted.

SAM<sup>l</sup>. H. THOMAS,  
Grand Secretary.

1825, June 6.

A communication was received from G—— P——, dated Sunbury, 18 May last, appealing from a vote of rejection passed against him in Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 22, held at that place.

On motion made and seconded, the said appeal was referred to a Committee consisting of J. Frick and R. H. Hammond of N<sup>o</sup>. 144, and Prutzman of N<sup>o</sup>. 159, to enquire and make report.

A letter was received and read from J. Redman, W. M. of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 139, held in this City, stating that owing to the reduced numbers belonging to that Lodge, and their consequent inability to discharge the current expenses of the lodge, it had resolved to surrender the Warrant and property thereof. On motion made and seconded,

Resolved, That the Warrant of lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 139, be received.

A letter was received and read from several of the members of late lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 109, held at St. Genevieve, Missouri, whose Warrant was vacated for delinquency in June, 1823, praying that means may be adopted to enable them to discharge their individual arrearages and resume their rights and privileges as Masons.

On motion made and seconded, the said letter was referred to the R. W. Grand Master, with a request that he would take such order thereon as might be proper.

It being announced that our distinguished brothers, De Witt Clinton, Esq., Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New York, and Jno. Geddes, Esq., Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, were in waiting, they were introduced and received the cordial salutations of the brethren.

Reports were received from the Committee of Finance on the a/cs with the Grand Lodge for the first quarter of the present year, read and ordered to be filed, viz:

On the final accounts of the late Hall Committee.

On the Accounts of the present Hall Committee, balance due the R. W. Grand Lodge, \$41<sup>12</sup>/<sub>100</sub>.

On the Account of the Grand Sec<sup>y</sup> balance due to him, \$459 (\$1500 stated to be in his hands on a/c of the first Masonic loan).

On the Account of J. S. Lewis, Grand Treasurer, balance

due by him and paid to his successor, Bro. Rob. Toland, \$1129 $\frac{21}{100}$ .

On the receipts and expenditures for the first quarter, balance in the Treasury, \$2212 $\frac{95}{100}$ .

A Report was also received from the same Committee on the a/cs of the Grand Secretaries for payments of unclaimed Interest in 1824, balance due the Grand Lodge, being the unclaimed interest on 27 December last, \$60. The said Report was ordered to be filed.

A letter was received and read from J. B. Newman, J. Randall and Sam<sup>l</sup>. H. Thomas, Executors of B. Dahlgren, deceased, stating that while the latter held the office of Grand Secretary he incurred charges on behalf of this institution to a considerable amount beyond the compensation he received and requesting the appointment of a Committee to examine into the nature and amount of the expenses so incurred.

On motion made and seconded, the said letter was referred to the Committee of Finance to enquire into the facts and make report.

An account from Bro. J. Maxwell was presented for paper and printing the Ahiman Rezon, 2000 copies.

On motion made and seconded, the same was referred to a Committee consisting of Bro<sup>rs</sup>. S. Allen, Manning and Kane with instructions to draw on the Grand Treasurer for the amount which may be ascertained correct.

The following report was received from the committee appointed 1 March, 1824, on an application from some of the late members of late lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 110, for a revival of the Warrant and being read was adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penn<sup>a</sup>. :

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of certain members of Youghogany lodge, N<sup>o</sup>. 110, praying to have their Warrant returned, beg leave to report, that they have found, on enquiry, that the six brethren who have signed the petition are respectable men, and that no objection can be made to the return of the Warrant provided they make it appear to the satisfaction of the Grand Master that they individually have paid up their dues. The Committee offer the following Resolution.

Resolved, that the Grand Lodge restore and the Grand Secretary be requested to return the Warrant of Youghogany lodge, no. 110, when the individuals who have applied for it by petition dated 17 October, 1823, shall have satisfied him that they have severally paid up their dues.

SAMUEL F. BRADFORD,  
HENRY BENNER.

1825, June 6.

The following Report was received from the Committee appointed on sundry communications relative to Apollos Woodward, and on being read was adopted as amended :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penn<sup>a</sup> :

The committee to whom were referred on the 20 December last, sundry documents then read in Grand Lodge relating to the case of Apollos Woodward and others on the same subject which were heretofore before the committee on land marks, have the honour to report,

That they have not been able to obtain the papers which were formerly referred to the Committee of land marks ; they understand they were accidentally mislaid some months ago and cannot now be found. Your committee have therefore referred to the minute books of the Grand Lodge for a description of their contents and are now enabled to lay before the Grand Lodge, the following statement of facts :

Apollos Woodward applied twice by petition to Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 106, held at Williamsport, Lycoming County, and was each time rejected, the last time by a number of black balls, when leave was granted to withdraw his petition ; of this he availed himself and shortly afterwards petitioned lodge no. 148, at Northumberland, one of the nearest lodges, recommended by a number of the members of N<sup>o</sup>. 106. Lodge 148, hearing of the rejection in N<sup>o</sup>. 106, applied to that lodge to know what objections its members had to Mr. Woodward's initiation ; the evidence before your committee differs as to the answer given, one acc<sup>t</sup>. stating that extracts of the proceedings of N<sup>o</sup>. 106 as they appeared on the minutes were furnished, another, that it was stated to N<sup>o</sup>. 148 there were no objections.

Mr. Woodward was balloted for, approved and initiated in N<sup>o</sup>. 148 in 1822; he has since applied to N<sup>o</sup>. 106 for admission as a visitor, and on a vote being taken a large majority of the lodge was in favour of the admission, but the W. M. properly decided that he would not admit him until the decision of the Grand Lodge should be known.

There are other facts which have material bearing on the conduct of those two lodges. Both of them disclaim having had any knowledge of the regulation adopted 7 March, 1814, which declares "that a vote of rejection in a lodge shall be final, subject to correction and revision in the Grand Lodge alone." What is rather singular this Regulation is not to be found in the edition of rules and regulations published by authority of the Grand Lodge in 1816, and purporting to contain all those then existing and in force. As lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 148 did not go into operation until 1817 it is very probable they never received a copy of the regulation in question. There was a By law of N<sup>o</sup>. 106 and sanctioned by the Grand Lodge, allowing a person once rejected to petition again after the lapse of a year.

No charges are made against the character of Mr. Woodward; on the other hand it is stated that he is a Justice of the peace in Lycoming County, has held several very respectable offices in the gift of the people and is a highly respectable man.

From the evidence before them, your Committee are of opinion that Mr. Woodward had a fair claim to be recognized as a mason. Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 106 was undoubtedly to blame in allowing Mr. Woodward to withdraw his petition after having been twice rejected and it was wrong in N<sup>o</sup>. 148 to act at all on the petition of a person residing in the vicinage of another lodge, where he was better known and where the scrutiny of a ballot was against his admission. Such proceedings are not only in direct contravention of the regulations of the Grand Lodge but are eminently calculated to create unpleasant feelings and jealousies among neighbouring lodges and disturb the harmony of the Craft.

Your Committee apprehend that the temptation of the

initiatory fees has sometimes actuated lodges in the admission of members and to this cause may be ascribed the admission of persons into our order whose immoral conduct and inveterate bad habits are calculated to throw much discredit on our fraternity in the eyes of the community. Too much caution cannot be exercised in ascertaining the necessary qualifications of a candidate.

Your committee trust that the forthcoming publication of the Ahiman Rezon will effectually prevent a recurrence of irregularities such as have been permitted in the Lodges at Williamsport and Northumberland and submitting for adoption the annexed resolutions they are, &c.

J. M. LINNARD,	} Comm <sup>e</sup> .
ALVA MASON,	
C. KNEASS,	

Philad., 6<sup>th</sup> June, 1825.

Resolutions annexed.

Resolved,

That notwithstanding the irregular manner in which Apollos Woodward was made a mason in Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 148, it is expedient that he be recognized as such.

Resolved, that the foregoing proceedings be communicated to Lodges N<sup>o</sup>. 106 and 148 respectively.

Bro. Freeman of the Comm<sup>e</sup> of Correspondence presented the following report which was read and adopted, viz:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penn<sup>a</sup> :

The Committee of Correspondence to whom were referred communications from the R. W. Grand Lodges of

Massachusetts,

Vermont,

Tennessee,

District of Columbia,

Maine,

Ohio,

Indiana, and

Louisiana have had the same under consideration and beg leave to Report,

That they contain copies and extracts of their respective

proceedings in which after careful examination they have not discovered anything requiring from this Grand Lodge more than the usual fraternal interchange of its proceedings and salutations, except in the proceedings of the Grand Lodges of Maine, Tennessee and Ohio on a subject which seems deeply to interest the masonic family, the object of which is to carry into effect (as soon as funds can be obtained) the erecting of a suitable Monument over the remains of our illustrious Brother George Washington, the best friend of mankind.

The Grand Lodge of Maine much to the honour of the Craft has adopted a Resolution to appropriate one thousand dollars should it be required for this special purpose.

Your Committee trust it will not be considered by the Grand Lodge as travelling out of their line of duty to recommend to them that they appoint a committee to correspond with other grand Lodges on this very important subject, assuring them that no efforts will be wanting on the part of the masonic family in this state to co-operate with them in the accomplishment of so noble and praiseworthy an action.

T. B. FREEMAN, } Comm<sup>e</sup>.  
SAM. H. PERKINS, }

Phila., 1 June, 1825.

On motion made and seconded, the grand lodge proceeded to the consideration of a Report presented from the Committee appointed in relation to a monument over the remains of our deceased brother Geo. Washington. The said report (presented 7 March last and laid on the table) was read and adopted together with the first, second and fourth Resolutions attached thereto. The consideration of the third resolution offered by the Committee was postponed.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Committee to whom were referred the communications of the grand lodges of the states of New Hampshire and New York,

Respectfully Report :

That they cannot too highly applaud the feelings that have led their brethren of other grand lodges to raise a sum of



money from the masonic family to erect a monument over the remains of their beloved and illustrious brother George Washington, the father of his country, and recommend the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to unite their labours in the work. They have not been without difficulty in determining upon the manner in which aid should be given. They were aware of the trouble to be encountered in collecting the proper sum from individual subscription or by application to private lodges. The recent calls for a monument in our own city, the possibility that the object would never be accomplished and the difficulty of returning the sums subscribed in case of failure all led them to believe that this course would not be prudent, besides which it would be attended with delay, and at last not to be the act of the Grand Lodge. Our pledge to the payment of a large debt, already contracted, forbids us to draw upon our present resources. We have, however, the right to create a new stock for this particular object, which will obviate all difficulty and do no discredit to our institution.

They therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Penn<sup>a</sup> do most cordially concur with the Grand Lodges of N. Hampshire and New York as to the propriety of erecting a monument at Mt. Vernon over the remains of our beloved and illustrious brother George Washington.

2. Resolved, that the Grand Master be authorized to subscribe on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Penn<sup>a</sup> the sum of one thousand dollars, including this subscription whenever the sum of ten thousand dollars, including this subscription, shall be appropriated for this object by the Grand Lodges of the other states or by the contributions of the masonic fraternity, and whenever specific arrangements shall be made for the erection of the same.

3. Resolved, that as soon as may be necessary to carry into effect the foregoing resolutions the Grand Master is hereby authorized to issue certificates of        Dollars each, bearing an interest of        per Cent per annum payable quarterly, for the sum of one thousand dollars, redeemable in        years.

4. Resolved, that the Grand Secretary forthwith communicate to the R. W. Grand Lodges of New Hampshire and New York, and also to all other Grand Lodges in the U. States the foregoing Resolutions of this Grand Lodge, with a request that whatever may be done in the premises may in like manner be communicated to this Grand Lodge without delay.

THOMAS KITTERA,  
JAMES M. BROOME,  
JOS. R. HOPKINS.

A communication of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia for 1824, was read and ordered to be filed.

On motion made and seconded,

Resolved, that a Committee be appointed to enquire into the expediency of procuring a new copper-plate engraving for grand lodge certificates and the probable expense thereof.

The R. W. G. M. was pleased to appoint on said Committee Brothers

An appeal was read from J—— K—— against a vote of expulsion passed against him in Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 151, held at Allentown.

On motion made and seconded,

Resolved, that the appeal of J—— K—— be referred to the same Committee which was appointed on the appeal of Brothers H—— and G—— to be acted on by them as soon as it shall appear that due notice of the said appeal has been given to Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 151.

The Committee appointed on the 30 October, 1823, on a communication from the Hall Committee, enclosing one from T. de la Pomeraye, were at their own request discharged.

On motion made and seconded,

Resolved, that three hundred dollars (inclusive of two hundred dollars heretofore paid) be allowed to Brother T. F. Gordan, for his services in compiling the Ahiman Rezon.

The Committee on procuring a new Seal and Seal press, presented a bill of W. and A. Mason for engraving a seal, amounting to thirty dollars.

Whereupon, on motion made and seconded, the same was ordered to be paid.

The Grand Lodge closed in harmony at half past ten o'clock in the evening.

SAM<sup>L</sup>. H. THOMAS,  
Grand Secretary.

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PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, 16 July, A. D. 1825, A. L. 5825.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Extra Grand Communication.

Present :

Bro. JAMES HARPER, R. W. Grand Master.

“ Michael Nisbet, R. W. Sen. Grand Warden, p. t.

“ T. B. Freeman, R. W. Jun. Grand War., p. t.

“ T. F. Gordon, Senior Grand Deacon.

“ J. R. Hopkins, Junior Grand Deacon.

“ John Steele, Grand Sword Bearer.

“ Adam Cornman, Grand Pursuivant.

“ Sam<sup>L</sup>. H. Thomas, Grand Secretary.

“ Josiah Randall, P. G. M.

Lodges Nos. 9, 19, 51, 52, 67, 71, 81, 91, 114, 126, 134, 186, 128, 130, 187, 147, 165 and 172 represented.

Eighteen Lodges being represented, the grand lodge was opened in ample form at eight o'clock in the evening.

A Petition was received from a number of Brethren residing in the County of Luzerne, praying for a Warrant to enable them to hold a Lodge in the township of Tunkhannock, in said County, and nominating the following brethren for the first officers thereof, viz: Bro. Alfred Hine, Worshipful Master; Bro. Luman Ferry, Senior Warden, and Bro. Reuben Fasset, Junior Warden. The petition being in due form and accompanied by the necessary certificates and recommendations.

On motion made and seconded,

Resolved, That a Warrant be issued as prayed for numbered 204.

A Letter from Bro. Jos. S. Lewis to the Grand Secretary, dated 8<sup>th</sup> June and acknowledging receipt of the Resolution

of thanks adopted 11 April last, was read and ordered to be filed.

Returns from the following Lodges were read and ordered to be filed, viz :

N<sup>o</sup>. 46, Ephrata, Lancaster Co. General Returns, 1824.

" 62, Reading, Berks Co. General Returns, 1823. General Returns, 1824. Rejected, P—— S——, G—— Y——, C—— A. K—— and D—— W——. Supplementary Return of Members, Jan<sup>y</sup>. 1825. Communic<sup>n</sup>. dated 18 June, 1825, of the following expulsions, viz : D—— R——, W—— W——, N—— S——, J—— S——, J—— M——, D. A. B——, J—— U. S——, J—— M<sup>e</sup>P——, J—— F——, T—— K——, J—— L——, D—— L——, P—— A——, Jr., C. A. B——, J—— C——, (Distiller), C—— F——, Jr., T—— M——, J—— G——, J—— L—— and J—— S——, n. p. dues.

" 66, Morgantown, Berks Co<sup>y</sup>. General Returns, 1824. Suspension, P—— E——.

" 69, Chester, Delaware Co. General Returns, 1824.

" 71, Philadelphia. Return special Election held 22<sup>d</sup> June, 1825, for Senior and Junior Warden by dispensation of the grand Master.

" 104, New Holland, Lancaster Co. General Returns, 1824. Expelled, L—— A——.

" 121, Return of Election held 17 Feb. for Junior Warden and Treas<sup>r</sup>. by dispensation of the Grand Lodge.

" 136, Abington, Montgomery Co. General Returns, 1824. Suspended, H—— D——, T—— C——.

" 146, Meadville, Crawford Co. General Returns, 1824.

" 151, Allentown, Lehigh Co. Return of expulsions 28 June, viz : G—— K——, unmasonic conduct, A—— W——, J—— S——, S—— S—— and M—— R—— for non payment dues.

" 152, Easton, Northampton Co. General Returns, 1823. General Returns, 1824.

" 153, Waynesburg, Greene Co. General Returns, 1824.

" 164, Washington, Washington Co. General Returns,

1824. Expelled, J—— T——, D—— W——, suspended n. p. dues, C. B. P——, J—— L——.
- " 177, Delaware T., Pike Co. General Returns, 1824. Expelled, J—— G——, Jr., R. M. F——, J. E——.
- " 179, Middle Smithfield, Pike Co. General Returns, 1824.
- " 180, Jefferson, Greene Co. General Returns, 1823.
- " 184, Mercer, Mercer Co. Election Returns, 1824.
- " 185, Braintrim, Luzerne Co. General Returns, 1824. Suspended E—— F——, E. C——.
- " 187, Philadelphia. Return of rejection J—— B——, 5 June, 1825.
- " 192, Bellefonte, Centre Co. Return of Members, a/c of Dues, Election Returns, 1824.
- " 194, Selins Grove. Return of H—— G—— rejection.
- " 196, Mercersburg, Franklin Co. Return of S—— V—— T—— rejection.
- " 201, Mauch Chunk, Northamp<sup>n</sup> Co. Return to the Dispensation to constitute shewing that the said Lodge was constituted on the 9<sup>th</sup> April last.
- " 202, Green Castle. Return to the dispensation to constitute shewing that the said Lodge was constituted on the 29 June last.

On Motion made and seconded, Resolved,

That the Ahiman Rezon be placed in the charge of the Grand Secretary, and that he be directed to sell the same at \$1<sup>25</sup> per single copy in boards, and at \$1<sup>50</sup> per copy in sheep binding.

Grand Lodge closed in harmony at 9  $\frac{1}{2}$  o'clock in the evening.

SAM<sup>L</sup>. H. THOMAS,  
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, Sep<sup>r</sup>. 5<sup>th</sup>, A. D. 1825, A. L. 5825.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present :

Bro. JAMES HARPER, R. W. Grand Master.

- Bro. Thomas Kittera, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.  
“ Samuel Badger, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.  
“ John K. Kane, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, p. t.  
“ Robert Toland, R. W. Grand Treasurer.  
“ Sam. H. Thomas, R. W. Grand Secretary.  
“ Sam. H. Perkins, Deputy Grand Sec<sup>y</sup>.  
“ David Moody, Senior G. Deacon.  
“ Adam Cornman, Junior Grand Deacon.  
“ David Nathans, Grand Pursuivant.  
“ G. T. Bedell, Grand Chaplain.  
“ Josiah Randall, R. W. Past Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 51, 52, 67, 71, 72, 91, 114, 115, 121, 126, 128, 130, 131, 134, 153, 155, 158, 186, 187, 168 and 102 represented.

Thirty Lodges being represented, the Grand lodge was opened in ample form at Seven o'clock in the evening.

On motion and seconded, a number of Visitors were admitted.

The minutes of the last quarterly grand communication and of the extra grand communication of 16 July were read and severally adopted.

A petition was received and read from a number of brethren residing in Buenos Ayres, So. America, praying for a Warrant to hold a lodge in that place to be called the Southern Star, and nominating for the first officers thereof, Bro. Richard Sutton, Worshipful Master, Bro. Josiah Daniels, Senior Warden, and Bro. Samuel Davis, Junior Warden.

The said petition being in due form and recommended agreeably to the rules and regulations of the grand lodge, it was, on motion made and seconded, Resolved,

That a Warrant be granted as prayed for numbered 205.

A petition was received and read from a number of brethren residing in Susquehanna County, praying for a Warrant to hold a Lodge in the town of Friendsville, to be called Unity and Concord, and nominating for the first officers thereof, William C. Terrel, W. M.; Seth Taylor, S. W., and Joshua B. Baker, J. W.

The said petition being in due form and recommended

agreeably to the rules and regulations of the Grand Lodge, it was, on motion made and seconded,

Resolved, That a Warrant be granted as prayed for when the petitioners shall have satisfied the R. W. Grand Master that they are Master masons in good standing with the lodges they last belonged to, Numbered 206.

An appeal of Simon Cameron from a vote of rejection against him in Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 21, Harrisburg, was read and referred to the Deputy grand Master of the District, Brother G. B. Porter to enquire and report.

An appeal of A—— L. E——, late W. M. of lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 116, Marietta, from a vote of expulsion against him in that lodge was read and referred to a Committee consisting of Brothers M. W. Ash, Lewis Wisler and Isaiah Latchem to enquire and report.

The following reports were received from the Grand Secy. read and ordered to be filed, viz :

1. Of the Lodges at this time suspended for delinquency.

2. Of the initiations and admissions, deaths, expulsions, resignations and suspensions in the Lodges under this jurisdiction from 27 Decem., 1823, to 27 December, 1824, with a statement of the same in detail shewing that the number of Initiations in 89 Lodges was 438, admissions 136, Total 584 ; deaths, resignations, suspensions and expulsions, 576 ; Members 27 December, 1824, 2863, and that 25 lodges were not heard from with complete returns to that time.

A Report was received and read from Garrick Mallery, R. W. District Deputy grand master, stating that he had not issued any dispensations during the year 1824.

A communication dated 2 Aug. from Bro. Kingsbery, R. W. District Deputy grand master, in relation to the property of late lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 120 was read and ordered to be filed.

A communication from Bro. Nathan Skinner, dated at Damascus, in relation to the affairs of late lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 83, held at that place and asking for a remission of dues and restoration of the Warrant, was read and referred to the Committee of Finance to enquire and report thereon.

The following reports of the Committee of Finance on the

a/cs of the grand lodge for the second quarter of 1825, were read and ordered to be filed. viz :

1. On the accounts of the Hall Comm<sup>e</sup>.
2. ditto of the Grand Secretary.
3. ditto of the Grand Treasurer.

And 4 Abstract of the receipts and expenditures.

An account of Brother W<sup>m</sup>. Page, Chm. Comm<sup>e</sup> of Finance of the expenses incurred in relation to the loan of \$19,000 obtained in December last, amounting to \$39<sup>64</sup>, was presented and ordered to be paid.

On motion of Brother Randall and seconded,

Resolved, that a Committee of five be appointed to enquire and make report whether any violations of the compact between the grand lodge and subordinate lodges have taken place in regard to the dues and contributions assessed on the latter.

Brothers Jos. Randall, Tho. Kittera, M. Nisbet, E. T. Weaver and James Gowen were appointed on said Committee.

A Report was received and read from the Committee of Finance on the resolution adopted on 27 December last in relation to the allowance of Interest to subordinate lodges paying in advance, concluding with the following resolution, viz :

Resolved, That on the settlement by the grand Secretary of the accounts of any subordinate lodges with the Grand Lodge for the years ending on the 27 December, if any balances be due to the said subordinate Lodges to the amount of Fifty dollars or more, such balances shall be passed to the credit of such Lodges with four per cent. Interest thereon, on account of their dues for the succeeding year.

On motion made and seconded, the said report and resolution were adopted.

Reports were received, read and severally adopted from the Committee of By-laws on the By-laws of Lodges N<sup>o</sup> 64, Greensburg ; N<sup>o</sup> 128, Philadelphia, and N<sup>o</sup> 143, Chambersburg.

The R. W. Grand Master laid before the Grand Lodge copies of two circular letters addressed to the subordinate lodges by a Committee acting on behalf of the members of late Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 163, held at Towanda, complaining of griev-



ances under which they labour and inviting the co-operation of the subordinate lodges with them, "in such measures as may be necessary to carry into effect the objects contemplated by the Masonic Convention held at Harrisburg, 7<sup>th</sup> January, 1823, with a view to effect the institution of a grand lodge at that place," and submitting a preamble and resolutions, expressive of their feelings and views, for the adoption of the several lodges in this state. The R. W. grand master also laid before the grand lodge, a copy of a circular letter addressed by him to the subordinate lodges on the 20 August last exposing the misrepresentations of the views and acts of the grand lodge contained in the first letter from the Committee of late lodge N<sup>o</sup> 163, dated 15<sup>th</sup> July last; (the second letter dated 11 August then not at hand.)

The above letters having been read, on motion made and seconded, it was Resolved unanimously,

That the thanks of this grand lodge be presented to the R. W. Grand Master for his dignified, temperate and judicious reply to the misrepresentations of the late members of late lodge N<sup>o</sup> 163.

Resolved, That E—— M——, S—— K——, A—— I——, W—— K——, M—— S—— and A—— I—— members of late lodge N<sup>o</sup> 163, Towanda, Bradford County, be and they are hereby cited to appear before this grand lodge on the first Monday in Novem. next to shew cause, if any they have, why they should not be expelled from the rights and benefits of Masonry, for a violation of their fidelity and allegiance to this grand lodge, as shewn in two printed circular letters addressed to the subordinate lodges dated on the 15<sup>th</sup> July and 6<sup>th</sup> Aug. last, to one or both of which the names of the said members of late lodge N<sup>o</sup> 163 appear; and that the Grand Secretary be directed to inform them that their defence may be made in person or in writing or through a representative appointed for the purpose at their option.

Returns were received from the following Lodges and ordered to be filed, viz :

N<sup>o</sup>. 22, Sunbury. Supplementary Return of Members from January, 1780 to June, 1825.

N<sup>o</sup>. 70, Athens. General Returns, 1824.

102, Frankford. Comm<sup>s</sup> suspension of J—— D——, J—— D——, G—— H—— and I—— I—— for non payment of dues, and expulsions of S—— D—— for embezzling the funds of the lodge and n. p. d. and of D—— C—— for n. p. d. and initiation fees.

108, Wysox and Orwell. General Returns, 1824, and Election Return, 1823.

147, Bethany. Supplementary return of Members.

198, Shippensburg. Rejection of T—— G. E——, a candidate for initiation.

203, Mifflintown. Return to Dispensation to constitute, shewing that the lodge was constituted on 4 August.

204, Tunkhannock. Return to Dispensation to constitute, shewing that the lodge was constituted on the 10<sup>th</sup> August.

On motion made and seconded,

Resolved, That the Warrant of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 108, suspended for delinquency, be revived for three months to give the members an opportunity of proving the transmission of a remittance on a/c of their dues, said to have been made in Novem. last and which has not been received.

The grand lodge adjourned in harmony at ten o'clock, to meet on the 3<sup>d</sup> Monday in the present month at 7 P. M.

SAM<sup>l</sup>. H. THOMAS,  
Grand Secretary.

PHILAD<sup>a</sup>., Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> Sept., A. D. 1825, A. L. 5825.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Quarterly Grand Commun<sup>n</sup>.

Present :

Bro. JAMES HARPER, R. W. G. M., in the Chair.

“ Thomas Kittera, R. W. Deputy G. M.

“ M. Nisbet, R. W. Senior G. W., p. t.

“ Ant<sup>y</sup>. Fannen, R. W. Junior G. W., p. t.

“ Sam<sup>l</sup>. H. Thomas, R. W. Grand Secretary.

Bro. Sam<sup>l</sup>. H. Perkins, Deputy Grand Sec<sup>y</sup>.

“ C. Stout, Senior Grand Deacon, p. t.

“ A. Mason, Junior Grand Deacon, p. t.

“ John Steele, Jr., Grand Marshal.

“ David Nathans, Grand Pursuivant.

Lodges Nos. 2, 9, 19, 51, 52, 67, 71, 72, 91, 114, 115, 126, 130, 131, 134, 158, 165, 186 and 187 represented.

Twenty Lodges being represented, the grand lodge was opened in ample form at 7 o'clock in the evening.

On motion made and seconded, a number of visitors were admitted.

A Report was received from the committee appointed in June last on the appeal of George Prince, from a vote of rejection passed against him in lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 22, Sunbury, and read, stating that the two members who voted against him are dead, that the objections made by them are but imperfectly recollected and were not sufficiently well founded to justify his rejection.

On motion made and seconded,

Resolved, That the Report of the Comm<sup>e</sup>. be adopted.

Resolved, That the vote of rejection against Geo. Prince in Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 22, be and is hereby rescinded.

A Report was received from the Committee of By-Laws on the By-Laws of lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 201, Mauch Chunk, read and adopted as amended.

Reports were also received from the Committee of by-laws on the by-laws of lodges N<sup>o</sup>. 190, Norristown; 194, Selins Grove; N<sup>o</sup>. 196, Mercersburg; N<sup>o</sup>. 197, Carlisle, and N<sup>o</sup>. 202, Greencastle, which were read and severally adopted.

A letter dated 6<sup>th</sup> inst. was received from Bro. Tho<sup>s</sup>. Hartley Crawford, Esq., W. M. of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 143, Chambersburg, written at the request of that Lodge, communicating their concurrence in the reasoning and sentiments of the R. W. Grand Master in relation to the proceedings of the members of late lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 163, which letter being read was ordered to be filed.

A letter from John Brink, late W. M. of late lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 82, Milford, dated 31 inst., was received and read wherein he pro-

poses to the grand lodge on behalf of the members of said late lodge, "that whatever money was received by the grand lodge prior to 1820 shall be received in full of arrearages due from that lodge prior to 1813" and "that whatever are the arrearages, (not already embraced in the resolution of grand lodge passed 30 April, 1822,) from 1813 to 1820, shall forthwith be sent on to grand lodge, or, whoever of the old members who refuse to pay, shall be expelled; and then the arrearages due from them be placed in the same situation as those due from the persons embraced in the said resolution. And all arrearages which may have accrued since the resuscitation of the lodge in 1820, to be likewise transmitted forthwith."

On motion made and seconded,

Resolved, That the terms offered by Bro. John Brink in behalf of late lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 82 be accepted, and that the Warrant be forthwith revived in favor of the late Master and Wardens who shall continue in office until the next stated election.

On motion made and seconded,

Resolved, That the terms granted to late lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 150, held at Troy, Bradford County, be so far modified that on the present payment of fifty dollars the Warrant of the lodge shall be revived in favour of the Master and Wardens elected in December, 1823, and that time be granted to pay the balance now due in four equal annual payments, the first payment to be made on or before the 1st March, 1826, with the dues of the current year; the second payment to be made on or before the 1st March, 1827, with the dues for 1826, and so on until the whole debt shall be fully liquidated, it being understood that in case of failure to comply with the terms stipulated, the warrant is to be vacated forthwith.

A letter from Bro. W. R. Smith to the R. W. Grand Master, dated at Huntingdon, 13 August, 1825, in relation to his having granted dispensations to enter, pass and raise since the cession of his appointment as District Deputy Grand Master, &c., was read and on Motion made and seconded, the same was referred to a committee of three, together with all the correspondence on the subject in possession of the grand Secretary.

The R. W. Grand Master appointed Brothers Tho<sup>s</sup>. Kittera, W<sup>m</sup>. Page and W<sup>m</sup>. Boyd on said Committee.

On motion made and seconded,

Resolved, That one copy of the Ahiman Rezon be presented to every Lodge under this jurisdiction and to every Grand Lodge in correspondence with this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That when purchased in quantity discounts shall be allowed to the purchasers in the following proportions :

6 to 11 Copies inclusive	20 p %	} From the price in boards.
12 to 19 do	25 p %	
20 and upwards	33 p %	

Resolved, That a Circular letter be addressed to the subordinate Lodges, stating the publication of the Ahiman Rezon and inviting their co-operation and assistance in the distribution and sale of that work.

Communications from the following grand lodges being announced the same were ordered to be filed, viz :

Grand Lodge of New Hampshire.

“ “ “ New York.

“ “ “ Delaware.

“ “ “ Virginia.

“ “ “ Ohio, and

“ “ “ Illinois.

The grand lodge adjourned in harmony at ten o'clock in the evening, to meet on the first Monday in November next at 6 o'clock, p. m.

SAM. H. THOMAS,  
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, 29 Octo., 5825.

Extra Grand Communication, Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Present :

Bro. JAMES HARPER, R. W. Grand Master.

“ Thomas Small, R. W. Sen. G. Warden, p. t.

“ Joseph Moore, R. W. Jun. G. Warden, p. t.

- “ A. Fannen, Sen. Grand Deacon, p. t.
- “ A. Cornman, Jun. Grand Deacon, p. t.
- “ David Nathans, Grand Pursuivant, p. t.
- “ Sam<sup>l</sup>. H. Thomas, R. W. Grand Sec<sup>y</sup>.

Lodges Nos. 3, 9, 51, 52, 67, 71, 62, 114, 121, 131, 134, 158, 186, 187, 130, 165, 123, 194 and 174 represented.

Nineteen Lodges being represented, the Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at 6½ o'clock in the evening.

On motion made and seconded,

Resolved, That the elective Grand Officers be and they are hereby authorized as soon as they shall deem the same expedient and proper, to appoint a Grand Lecturer to visit the subordinate Lodges beyond the City and County of Philadelphia.

Resolved, That the R. W. G. M. be and he is hereby authorized to draw on the Grand Treasurer for such amount as may be agreed on between him and the Grand Lecturer, for the latter's compensation.

A letter was read from the Sec<sup>y</sup> of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 185, Braintrim, Luzerne Co., dated 26 August, in relation to the Chapter opened at that place in 1824, and referred to the same committee which was appointed 6 Septem., 1824, on a letter from the R. W. Bro. Garrick Mallery relating to said Chapter.

A letter was read from John F. Watson to Bro. Sam<sup>l</sup> F. Bradford, dated 24 August last, offering to present the Grand Lodge with the Pediment of the door which was Gen<sup>l</sup> Washington's when he dwelt in Philadelphia.

On motion made and seconded, the said letter was ordered to be laid on the table.

The following Returns were read and filed, viz :

Tho<sup>s</sup>. Hartley Crawford, D. D. G. M. Dispensations granted during the 3<sup>d</sup> quarter 1825 :

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 91, Philadelphia. Return of Election held 25 July, 1825, by Dispensation.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 71, Philadelphia. Return of Election held 22<sup>d</sup> June, 1825, by Dispensation.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 143, Chambersburg. Rejection of D—— B——.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 171. Expulsion of P. R——, unmasonic con<sup>t</sup>

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 182. Return of Members, Account of Dues, Return of Election for 1822. General Returns, 1823, with suspension of W—— J—— for larceny. General Returns, 1824.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 201, Mauch Chunk. Rejection of J—— P—— and J—— N——, applicants for initiation.

The Grand Lodge closed in harmony at 7½ o'clock in the evening.

SAM<sup>L</sup>. H. THOMAS,  
Grand Secretary.

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PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 7 November, A. D. 1825, A. L. 5825.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present :

Bro. JAMES HARPER, R. W. Grand Master.

- " Thomas Kittera, R. W. Deputy Grand Mas.
- " Samuel Badger, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
- " Michael Nisbet, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
- " Samuel H. Thomas, R. W. Grand Secretary.
- " Samuel H. Perkins, Deputy Grand Secretary.
- " Elhanan W. Keyser, Senior Grand Deacon.
- " Joseph R. Hopkins, Junior Grand Deacon.
- " John Steele, Jr., Grand Marshal.
- " William Mandry, Grand Pursuivant.
- " Josiah Randall, R. W. Past Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 21, 51, 52, 67, 71, 72, 91, 114, 115, 121, 126, 130, 131, 134, 155, 158, 160, 165, 174, 176, 186 and 187 represented.

Twenty six lodges being represented, the Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at six o'clock in the evening.

On motion made and seconded,

Resolved, That the Grand Officers be requested to enquire and report whether any, and if any, what pecuniary compensation ought to be allowed to Brother Adam Cornman for losses alleged to have been sustained by him in consequence

of his preparation for the situation of Grand Lecturer, to which he expected to be appointed.

Returns from the following Lodges were received, read and ordered to be filed :

N<sup>o</sup> 158, Philadelphia. Expulsion of V—— H. D——, D——  
P—— and J. J. V—— for non payment of dues.

“ 202, Greencastle. Rejection of F—— H——, a candidate for initiation.

A Report was received and read from the Committee appointed on the 6<sup>th</sup> September, 1824, to whom were referred the letter of Garrick Mallery, R. W. District Deputy Grand Master, in relation to certain irregular proceedings in Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 185, at Braintrim, Luzerne County, and two communications from that lodge on the same subject, and concluding with the following resolutions, which report and resolutions were adopted.

Resolved, that the proceedings of lodge N<sup>o</sup> 185, on the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> May, 1824, in passing persons to the Chair without election or dispensation, is in direct violation of the established usages of the order and the regulations of this Grand Lodge and that the said proceedings are hereby declared null and of no effect.

Resolved, That Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 185, be directed to report to the District Deputy Grand Master for that District, Brother Garrick Mallery, the names of the different brethren who were passed to the Chair in the manner above stated.

Resolved, That the said District Deputy Grand Master be authorized to issue his dispensation to such of the said Brethren who have been thus regularly passed to the Chair as may apply for the same, upon the payment by them of the established fees (viz : \$5<sup>00</sup>) for each dispensation.

Resolved, That until they shall have obtained such Dispensations, the said brethren so improperly passed to the Chair shall be, and they are hereby prohibited from exercising or enjoying the benefits of the past master's degree and that the past masters under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge be and they are hereby prohibited from holding any intercourse with them in the said degree.



Resolved, That a Copy of this report be transmitted to Brother Garrick Mallery, R. W. District Deputy Grand Master for said District and to Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 185.

A Report was received from the Committee to whom was referred on the 20 December last, the Report of Bro. James Buchanan, late District Deputy Grand Master on the complaint of Olive McDonald against Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 116. The report of said Committee was accompanied by the following resolutions and being read it was adopted :

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge highly disapprove and severely reprimand the conduct of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 116, in relation to the initiation of Bernard Brown, but more especially of the Worshipful Master, Brother Evans, whose conduct on this occasion appears to have been wilfully and openly in opposition to the duties of his situation and the established principles of the order.

Resolved, that the Initiation of Bernard Brown by Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 116 be and it is hereby confirmed and made valid ; and that the lodge be empowered to pass and raise him to the sublime degree of a master mason, that the said Brown shall not by virtue thereof or of any former proceedings of lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 116, be entitled to membership therein and that he may then apply to that or any other lodge and be admitted to membership according to the known regulation of the order as tho' he were a mason in good standing, yet not a member of any subordinate Lodge.

Resolved, that a Copy of this Report be transmitted to the District Deputy Grand Master, Brother Buchanan, Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 116 and to Brothers McDonald and Brown.

On motion made and seconded, the Grand Lodge proceeded to a consideration of the citations of E—— M——, S—— K——, A—— I——, W—— K——, M—— S—— and A—— I——, members of late lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 163, to appear at this communication to shew cause why they should not be expelled from the rights and benefits of Masonry for a violation of their fidelity and allegiance to this grand lodge.

And it appearing that the said cited members were not in attendance and that they had not in any other respect com-

plied with the citations, the following documents were produced and read, viz :

1. A circular letter from a Committee of the members of late lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 163, addressed to the subordinate lodges under this jurisdiction dated 15 July, 1825.

2. A circular letter from the R. W. Grand Master in reply to the foregoing, addressed to the subordinate lodges, dated 15 August last.

3. A circular letter from a Committee of the members of late lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 163, addressed to the subordinate lodges dated 6 August last. (Vide pages — @ — of this book for a more particular description of the above documents.)

4. An extract from the proceedings of lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 69 at Chester of 24 Sept. last, expressive of the confidence that lodge has in the disposition of the grand lodge to administer ample and impartial justice to the subordinate Lodges and declaring that Philadelphia is the most proper site for the location of the grand lodge of Pennsylvania.

5. An extract from a letter of the W. M. of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 151, Allentown, to the grand Secretary, disapproving of the proceedings of the members of late lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 163 ; the said letter is dated 16<sup>th</sup> September, 1825.

6. An Extract from the proceedings of lodge No. 138, on the 30<sup>th</sup> August last, disapproving of and reprobating the conduct of the members of late lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 163 and expressive of the confidence of that lodge in the disposition of the grand lodge to protect the interests and promote the welfare of the fraternity under her jurisdiction.

7. A letter from Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 143, by its W. M. to the R. W. Grand Master, dated Chambersburg, 6 Sept<sup>r</sup>, expressing the concurrence of that Lodge in the reasoning and sentiments of the R. W. Grand Master and regret that the Brethren at Towanda should have subjected themselves to the treatment they have received more especially as they appear to have no just cause to complain.

8. The citation to the members of late lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 163 above named.

9. A letter from A—— I——, one of the cited members of

late lodge N<sup>o</sup> 163 to the Grand Secretary dated at Lichfield, Connecticut, 4 October, 1825, stating certain reasons why he would be unable to make a defence to the charges against him at this time, and requesting that no proceedings may be had on his case until his return to Towanda from which he would remain absent six or nine months.

Whereupon, on Motion made and seconded, E—— M——, S—— K——, W—— K——, M—— S—— and A—— I——, late members of late lodge N<sup>o</sup> 163, held at Towanda, Bradford County, Pennsylvania, under this jurisdiction were severally expelled from the rights and benefits of masonry on the charges alleged against them, they having failed to appear in obedience to the citation which issued from this grand lodge on the 5<sup>th</sup> September last.

The Grand lodge adjourned in harmony at 10½ o'clock, p. m., to meet on Monday, the 21st inst. at 6 p. m.

SAM<sup>L</sup>. H. THOMAS,

G. S.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 21 November, A. D. 1825, A. L. 5825.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Quarterly Grand Communica<sup>n</sup>

Present :

Bro. JAMES HARPER, R. W. Grand Master.

“ Thomas Kittera, R. W. Deputy Grd. Mas.

“ Samuel Badger, R. W. Senior Grd. Warden.

“ Michael Nisbet, R. W. Junior Grd. Warden.

“ Samuel H. Thomas, R. W. Grand Secretary.

“ Samuel H. Perkins, Deputy Grand Secretary.

“ J. R. Hopkins, Senior Gr<sup>d</sup>. Deacon.

“ John Horton, Junior Grd. Deacon, p. t.

“ David Nathans, Grand Pursuivant, p. t.

“ Josiah Randall, } R. W. P. G. Masters.

“ Bayse Newcomb, }

“ Joseph Burden, R. W. P. Deputy G. M.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 21, 51, 52, 67, 71, 72, 91, 114, 115, 123, 126, 130, 131, 134, 135, 158, 160, 162, 165, 174, 186 and 187 represented.

Twenty six Lodges being represented, the Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at 6  $\frac{1}{2}$  o'clock in the evening.

On motion made and seconded, a number of visiting brethren were admitted.

A Report was received from the grand officers to whom was referred at the meeting on the 7 inst. the case of Bro. Adam Cornman; and being read it was, with the following Resolution which accompanied the same adopted.

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Master be and he is hereby authorized to draw an order on the Grand Treasurer in favour of Bro. Adam Cornman for fifty dollars.

A Report was received from the Committee of By Laws on sundry amendments to the By Laws of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 130, which report being read was adopted.

On motion made and seconded,

Resolved, That the Warrant of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 83, Damascus, be revived on the present payment of twenty dollars and an agreement to pay the like sum annually, together with the accruing dues, until the debt of that lodge to the grand lodge shall be liquidated.

A communication was received from the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, containing the names and signatures of the officers elected on the 29<sup>th</sup> August last and ordered to be filed.

A letter was received and read from Bro. Henry Morgan, Treas<sup>r</sup>. of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 108, Wysox, dated 25 October last, explanatory of the facts relating to a remittance by mail on the 16 or 17 November, 1824, of Seventeen dollars directed to the Grand Lodge, which remittance never came to hand. When, on motion made and seconded,

Resolved, That lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 108 have credit in account for Seventeen dollars, transmitted to the grand lodge by mail on the 16<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup> November, 1824, and which appear to have been lost.

Two letters to the grand Secretary from C. C. Conway, late W. M. of late lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 107, Kaskaskia, dated at that place on 28<sup>th</sup> August and 20 October last respectively were read, ex-

plaining the peculiar difficulties under which the members of that lodge laboured in consequence of the vacation of their Warrant and requesting that such measures might be adopted by the Grand Lodge as will secure the collection of the sums due by the members of the Lodge individually, and the discharge of such as have paid or may pay their arrearages.

Whereupon, On motion made and seconded,

Resolved, That the Warrant of Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 107, Kaskaskia, be and it is hereby revived in favour of the officers elected in December, 1823.

Resolved, That as soon as it shall satisfactorily appear to the R. W. Grand Master that the debts of Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 107 are collected and remittances thereof are made to the Grand Treasurer as far as practicable, he shall be and he is hereby authorized to grant permission to said Lodge to surrender its Warrant, retain its Jewels and furniture and apply for a new Warrant to the grand lodge of Illinois.

Three letters to the Grand Sec<sup>y</sup> from Bro. Samuel Runk, W. M. of Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 151, Allentown, dated at that place on the 26 October, Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> respectively, and accompanied by the Warrant of that Lodge were read. These letters detail various charges and recriminations among the members and the reasons which in the opinion of the W. M., justified him in transmitting the Warrant of the lodge to the grand Lodge on his own responsibility.

On motion made and seconded,

1. Resolved,

That the said letters be referred to a Committee of three to make enquiry into the facts and circumstances therein referred to and Report.

2. Resolved,

That the Committee appointed on April 11<sup>th</sup> on the appeal of H—— and G—— vs. Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 151, be and it is hereby discharged.

3. Resolved,

That the duties of said Committee be transferred to the committee under the first Resolution.

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint on said Committee, Brothers Mallery, J. M. Porter and Gowen.

A communication was received and read from Bro. Geo. Beatty, a member of lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 59, complaining of the conduct of Jeremiah Esler, late a member of late lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 139.

On motion made and seconded, the said complaint was referred to a Committee of three to enquire into the facts and report; Brothers Petit, Brown and Gowen were appointed on the Committee.

On motion and seconded,  
Resolved,

That the Grand Secretary be directed to inform Brother Alpheus Ingham, that unless he shew cause to the contrary, the Grand Lodge will proceed on the first Monday in June next, to the final consideration and determination of his case.

Returns were received from Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 151, to the stated meeting of that Lodge in October and ordered to be filed.

The grand Lodge closed in harmony at 9½ o'clock, P. M.

SAM. H. THOMAS,  
Grand Secretary.

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Monday, 5 December, A. D. 1825, A. L. 5825.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present :

Bro. JAMES HARPER, R. W. Grand Master.

" Thomas Kittera, R. W. Deputy Grand M.

" Samuel Badger, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

" Michael Nisbet, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.

" Sam<sup>l</sup> H. Thomas, R. W. Grand Secretary.

" Sam<sup>l</sup> H. Perkins, R. W. Deputy G. Secretary.

" E. W. Keyser, Senior Grand Deacon.

" J. R. Hopkins, Junior Grand Deacon.

" John Steele, Jr., Grand Marshal.

" Henry Horn, Grand Sword Bearer.

" Will<sup>m</sup>. Mandry, Grand Pursuivant.

" G. T. Bedell, Grand Chaplain.

" Josiah Randall, }  
" John Gibson, } R. W. Past Grand Masters.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 21, 51, 52, 59, 61, 67, 71, 72, 81, 91, 84, 114, 115, 121, 123, 126, 130, 131, 134, 135, 138, 155, 158, 160, 165, 168, 172, 173, 174, 176, 186 and 187 represented.

Thirty seven Lodges being represented, the Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at 6 o'clock in the evening.

A report was received and read from the Grand Sec<sup>y</sup> containing a list of the lodges at this time suspended for non payment of dues, and on motion made and seconded, the same was ordered to be filed.

On motion made and seconded, Resolved, that the reading of the Minutes of the last quarterly grand communication be dispensed with for this evening.

A Report was received and read from the Committee of Finance, containing an estimate of the receipts and expenditures of the Grand Lodge for the ensuing year and concluding with the following Resolutions founded thereon, viz :

Resolved, That the sum of Six thousand, one hundred and fifty dollars, be and it is hereby appropriated for the payment of Interest, Grand Secretary's Salary, printing, Stationery, postage, Grand Tyler's Salary, and the payment to be made to the Trustees of the Masonic Gas Loan during the year 1826, and that the Grand Secretary draw on the Grand Treasurer for the same.

Resolved, That the sum of eight hundred dollars be and is hereby appropriated to the use of the Hall Committee, including the expense of making Gas, and that the Hall Committee draw on the Grand Treasurer for the same.

Resolved, That the sum of Six hundred dollars be and is hereby appropriated for the payment of a Grand Lecturer, and that the Right Worshipful Grand Master draw on the Grand Treasurer for the same.

On motion made and seconded,

Resolved, that the said report be adopted.

A Report was also received from the Comm<sup>e</sup>. of Finance, containing an account of the present state of the Sinking Fund and of the debts due to the Grand Lodge as far as the same can be ascertained.

On motion and seconded, the said Report was ordered to be filed.

A Report was received from the Grand Secretary accompanied by Statements of the accounts of the Grand Lodge, viz :

1. Of the balance in detail due from the subordinate lodges, mark lodges, chapters and encampments on the 27 December, 1823, 27<sup>th</sup> December, 1824 and 29 June, 1825 respectively.

2. An abstract of the foregoing.

3. Of the revenue which accrued during the year 1824, distinguishing the sources from whence it was derived and the charges thereon.

4. A balance sheet of the Ledger of the grand lodge, 27 December, 1823 and 27 December, 1824.

On motion made and seconded, the said report was ordered to be filed.

The R. W. Grand Master stated from the Chair his intention to retire from the situation he now holds at the head of this grand lodge, and that he declined a re-election. He then delivered to the brethren an address upon the present situation and prospects of the Grand Lodge.

On motion and seconded,

Resolved unanimously,

That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be presented to Brother James Harper, Esquire, for the dignified, able and truly masonic manner in which he performed the arduous duties of Grand Master during the past year and that a copy of his address be requested to be entered on the Minutes.

On motion of the Committee of Finance and seconded,

Resolved, That an extra appropriation of \$224<sup>02</sup> be made to the Hall Committee for their service during the present year.

This being the meeting appointed by the regulations of the Grand Lodge for the choice of Grand officers for the ensuing year, the Grand Lodge proceeded to a ballot when the following brethren were duly elected, viz :

Bro. Thomas Kittera, R. W. Grand Master.

“ Samuel Badger, R. W. Deputy G. Mas<sup>r</sup>.

“ Michael Nisbet, R. W. Senior Gr<sup>d</sup>. Warden.

“ John Steele, Jr., R. W. Junior Gr<sup>d</sup>. Warden.

“ Robert Toland, R. W. Grand Treasurer.

“ Sam<sup>l</sup> H. Thomas, R. W. Grand Secretary.



On motion and seconded,

Resolved, That the Lodge of Instruction be authorized to elect its presiding officers to be at all times, subject to the controul of the R. W. Grand Master when he is present.

The Grand Lodge closed in harmony at 9 o'clock, P. M.

SAM<sup>L</sup>. H. THOMAS,  
Grand Secretary.

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Address of the

R. W. Grand Master, 5 December, 1825.

Brethren,

Being now about to retire from the situation in which your kind partiality placed me, permit me to express my most grateful acknowledgements, not only for the honour of having been placed there, but also for the cordial and truly masonic support which I have at all times received from you whilst endeavoring to discharge the duties of this highly honourable station. I was not so vain as even to *hope* when I was elected, that my conduct would be free from error, much less that I would be able to secure the undivided approbation of my brethren, although there was nothing I desired more earnestly and I can truly say that whatever errors I may have committed, they were unintentional and for them I cast myself fearlessly on your charitable feelings for forgiveness.

Permit me to say, (without arrogating any thing to myself), that during the past year the order has lost nothing of the high standing which it had formerly acquired. Appeals and complaints from the subordinate lodges during that period have been less frequent than usual, a conclusive proof of the improved system of government which prevails among them. Much good may be attributed to the appointment of District Deputy Grand Masters, but, considerable difficulty has occurred in making these appointments, owing to the very few persons who could be found that would accept of the appointment who were capable of discharging the duties of the situation

with advantage to all concerned ; consequently several important districts of the State are still without these officers, and many of the present districts are so large, that a new arrangement of them will be necessary to produce all the good of which the system is capable.

Some difficulties arose in the appointment of a Grand Lecturer from the paucity of candidates which offered for the situation. After considerable delay Brother David Nathans, a P. M. of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 71, was selected, it is believed that he possesses in a good degree the necessary qualifications for the task. From his labours advantage may be fairly anticipated both to the Grand and subordinate Lodges. He set out in the discharge of his duties some time since.

Six new Warrants have been granted for holding Lodges since last St. John's day. One of them is for the Southern Hemisphere, where as in most other Countries, the standards of Masonry and Liberty have been unfurled nearly at the same time, thus opening the source by which are united more firmly in the bands of brotherly love and friendship the different portions of this happy Continent.

The Warrants of a few lodges that had long been delinquent and whose affairs had become hopeless were vacated. It is apprehended that there are two or three others similarly situated whose Warrants will share a similar fate. There is no doubt other lodges will arise in their place from which the Grand Lodge may expect more advantage, and the Craft more honour than from those which had suffered their affairs to get into irremediable disorder.

The financial department continues in the same flourishing condition which distinguished the administration of my predecessor. Besides defraying the current expenses of the Grand Lodge, it has allowed the payment of above \$1000 for the new Ahiman Rezon, of \$400 towards extinguishing the Gas loan and \$3300 to the Trustees of the Sinking fund, making a total surplus revenue over the ordinary expenses of \$4700, notwithstanding the comparatively unproductive state of the tower rooms of the building since the expiration of Guillou's lease. The original loan of \$40,000 has been liquidated by

applying \$21,000 of the Sinking fund, and \$19,000 the proceeds of a new loan which was obtained something under 5 p % per annum to that object.

There is yet a large productive sum in the hands of the Trustees of the Sinking Fund which at the end of the year will have amounted to nearly \$14,000. On the presumption that the Grand Lodge will be able to vest annually \$3000 in the sinking fund, a sum quite within her means, should her present flourishing state continue, the debt of the Grand Lodge will be reduced below \$40,000 in less than six years, after which time it will be in her power to exonerate the Subordinate lodges from a part of the heavy contributions which they now pay and thus the streams of charity will be permitted to flow in their usual channels with increased vigour and as I trust with the happiest effects. At the same ratio of investment the whole debt will be extinguished in twelve years, *provided* the same economical measures are observed which have for some years so eminently distinguished the conduct of the grand lodge, and from them I hope she will not be tempted to depart.

Excepting the before mentioned item of Rent, every material source of revenue is in an improved and improving condition, and the most diligent means are pursued to keep them so and to collect the outstanding debts. These are found to be equally beneficial both to the Grand and subordinate lodges, they increase the funds of the former and render the latter more strict in the discharge of their dues, as well as more guarded against the admission of improper candidates.

Another source of revenue will be opened in a few years from the Gas establishment when the debt for repairing the works shall have been extinguished, it being now satisfactorily ascertained that the manufactory of Gas can be so conducted as to yield a handsome profit.

During the present year the Grand Master, accompanied by some of the Grand Officers visited the Lodges at Frankford, Germantown, Abington, Roxboro', Chester and Norristown, without incurring any expense to the grand lodge. He found most of these Lodges in a flourishing condition exhibiting

considerable improvement since the previous visitation. He regrets exceedingly that his other avocations prevented him from visiting the Lodges in this City, at the same time he flatters himself that no serious injury has resulted to the Craft from this omission, seeing that several of the lodges possess the advantage of having a present or past grand master among their members.

In order that the Grand Lodge may not be delayed longer from the necessary duties of the evening I am constrained to pass over many important considerations in her affairs without notice. It may not however, be amiss to observe that with a single exception (that of the Lodge at Towanda) nothing has occurred during the present year to interrupt the peace and harmony of the order within our limits. The statements of the Towanda lodge were so promptly met that more good than evil may be expected to flow from their proceedings, by inducing the subordinate lodges to acquiesce cheerfully hereafter in every just measure of the Grand Lodge, while the latter I trust will see the propriety of remedying without delay every real grievance.

In conclusion, permit me to remark, that the affairs of the Grand Lodge have never been in so flourishing a condition as at the present time.

To resign them into the hands of another in this condition has been my constant aim and I thank the great Disposer of events that it has been my good fortune to succeed to the fullest of my expectations. When I cast my eyes on those in whose hands the affairs of the Grand Lodge are likely to be placed, I resign the situation in which your kindness has placed me, without the least reluctance and with a firm confidence that her prosperity will continue undiminished and in it I shall ever feel and continue to take a lively interest.

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PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, 27 Decem., A. L. 5825.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, General Grand Communication.

Present :

Bro. JAS. HARPER, R. W. Grand Master.

“ Tho<sup>s</sup>. Kittera, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

“ Sam<sup>l</sup>. Badger, R. W. Sen<sup>r</sup>. Grand Warden.

“ Mich<sup>l</sup>. Nisbet, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.

“ Sam<sup>l</sup>. H. Thomas, R. W. Grand Secretary.

“ E. W. Keyser, Senior Grand Deacon.

“ J. R. Hopkins, Junior Grand Deacon.

“ John Steele, Jr., Grand Marshal.

“ A. Cornman, Jr., Grand Pursuivant.

Lodges Nos. 3, 9, 19, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 91, 114, 121, 126, 130, 131, 134, 158, 160, 165, 168, 186, 187 and 195 represented.

Twenty two Lodges being represented the Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at 10½ o'clock in the forenoon.

So much of the minutes of the last quarterly grand communication as relates to the election of Grand officers being read and all but Past masters having withdrawn, Bro. Thomas Kittera was installed R. W. Gr<sup>d</sup>. Master and Bro. Samuel Badger, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, in ancient and solemn form, and being duly proclaimed they received the cordial and accustomed salutations of the brethren.

Whereupon, the Brethren who had retired were readmitted, when Bro. Michael Nisbet was installed R. W. Senior Grand Warden, Brother John Steele, Jr., R. W. Junior Grand Warden and Bro. Sam<sup>l</sup>. H. Thomas, R. W. Grand Secretary, in ancient and solemn form, and being duly proclaimed they received the cordial and accustomed salutations of the Brethren.

The following Returns were read and ordered to be filed, viz :

N<sup>o</sup>. 21, Harrisburg. Supplementary return from 1784 to 1824 inclusive.

71, Philadelphia. General Return, 1825.

72, Philadelphia. General Return, 1825.

121, Philadelphia. General Return, 1825.

131, Philadelphia. General Return, 1825. Suspension,

J—— D——.

N<sup>o</sup>. 158, Philadelphia. General Return, 1825. Expulsions,  
B—— C. T——, U. C., V. H. D——. H. P——,  
J. J. V——, non payment dues.

187, Philadelphia. General Return, 1825.

202, Greencastle. Rejection of M—— T. K——.

The R. W. Grand Master announced the following appointments, viz :

Grand Deacons :

Senior, E. W. Keyser.

Jun<sup>r</sup>, J. R. Hopkins.

Grand Chaplains :

Rev<sup>d</sup>. Geo. C. Potts,

Rev<sup>d</sup>. W. E. Ashton,

Rev<sup>d</sup>. G. T. Bedell,

Rev<sup>d</sup>. R. U. Morgan,

Grand Stewards :

Thomas Amies,

William Wray.

Grand Sword Bearer :

Henry Horn.

Grand Marshal :

John K. Kane.

Grand Pursuivant :

William Mandry.

Grand Tyler :

Charles Schneider.

Standing Committee of Correspondence :

T. B. Freeman,

Samuel H. Perkins,

Benj<sup>n</sup>. Stephens.

Of By Laws :

Sam<sup>l</sup>. H. Thomas,

Stephen W. Smith,

C. S. Coxe.

To examine the transactions  
of the past year and select for publication :

Nathan R. Potts,

Samuel Wonderly,

Tho<sup>s</sup>. M. Pettit.

Of Hall :

Frederick Erringer,

George W. Jones,

Henry Benner,

George H. Burgin,

Wm. Weaver.

## Of Finance :

William Page,

William Boyd,

J. J. Skerret,

B. White, Jr.,

John M. Read.

## Of Charity :

Soloman Allen,

Anthony Fannen,

Henry Y. Carter,

Jos. R. Hopkins,

W<sup>m</sup>. Weaver.

The Grand Secretary submitted for approbation the appointment of Bro. Sam<sup>l</sup> H. Perkins for deputy Grand Secretary, and the same was unanimously concurred in.

A certified extract from the proceedings of lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 159, Danville, Columbia County, on the 30<sup>th</sup> Novem. last was read, whereby it appeared that Bro. John K. Kane was appointed the proxy of that Lodge.

On motion and seconded, the said appointment was recognized.

A certificate from Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 195, Warminster township, was read, whereby it appeared that on the 27 December, 1824, Bro. Thomas Kittera was appointed the proxy of that Lodge.

On motion and seconded, the said appointment was recognized.

The following reports of the Committee of Finance on the a / cs of the Grand Lodge for the 3<sup>d</sup> quarter of 1825, were read and ordered to be filed, viz :

On the a / cs of Robert Toland, Grand Treas.

On the a / cs of the Hall Committee.

On the a / cs of Bro. Thomas, Grand Sec<sup>y</sup>.

Abstract of receipts and expenditures.

A letter to the Grand Sec<sup>y</sup> from Bro. Kingsbery, D. D. G. M., dated 19<sup>th</sup> inst. was read, giving an account of an interview which he had had with E. Mason, A. Irvine and W. Kelly, three of the members of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 163, recently expelled by the Grand Lodge, and stating that they denied the power of the Grand Lodge to expel them and threatened the establishment of a new Grand Lodge as soon as they could find five Lodges to join them ; and that they gave him to understand a number of Lodges were ready to revolt.

On motion made and seconded, the said letter was referred to the grand officers to take such order thereon as circumstances might render proper.

The following communications were received and read in relation to the differences with late lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 163.

From the Sec<sup>y</sup>. of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 62, held at Reading, stating that that Lodge had adopted a report entirely in disapprobation of the proceedings of late lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 163, and in approbation of the course pursued by the Grand Lodge.

From Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 50, held at Westchester, stating their opinion that the complaints against the Grand Lodge are without foundation, and that it is inexpedient to adopt the resolutions proposed by the brethren of late lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 163, respecting the establishment of a Grand Lodge at Harrisburg. The Lodge condemns the language of the Communication from the R. W. Grand Master and the severity of his denunciation.

A communication from Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 174, Downingtown, dated 3 Decem., praying for aid in the erection of a Masonic Hall in that place was read and laid on the table.

A Comm<sup>n</sup>. from the Grand Lodge of Georgia, containing the names of the Grand Officers elected in March last was read and filed.

The Grand Lodge closed in harmony at 11½ o'clock, A. M.

SAM<sup>L</sup>. H. THOMAS,

Grand Secretary.

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PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> March, A. D. 1826, A. L. 5826.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present :

Bro. THOMAS KITTERA, R. W. Grand Master.

" Michael Nisbet, R. W. S. G. Warden, p. t.

" John Steele, R. W. S. G. Warden, p. t.

" H. Y. Carter, R. W. Junior G. W., p. t.

" Samuel H. Thomas, R. W. Grand Secretary.

" Sam<sup>L</sup> H. Perkins, Deputy Grand Sec<sup>y</sup>.



Bro. C. Stout, Senior G. Deacon, p. t.

“ J. R. Hopkins, Junior G. Deacon.

“ W<sup>m</sup>. Mandry, Grand Pursuivant.

“ R. W. Morgan, Grand Chaplain.

“ James Harper, R. W. Past Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 19, 51, 52, 59, 67, 69, 71, 91, 114, 115, 121, 123, 126, 128, 130, 131, 134, 136, 155, 158, 165, 168, 186, 187 and 195 represented.

Twenty seven Lodges being represented, the Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at 6½ o'clock in the evening.

The Minutes of the quarterly grand communications of 5 September and 5 December, 1825, of the adjourned quarterly grand communications of the 19 Septem., 7<sup>th</sup> November and 21 November, 1825 ; of the extra grand communication of the 29 October, and the General grand communication of 27 December, 1825, were read and severally adopted.

A certificate from Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 176, Mount Pleasant, Westmoreland County, that Bro. John K. Kane was reappointed proxy of that Lodge, and a certificate from Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 201, Mauch Chunk, that Joseph S. Riley was appointed its proxy, were read and on motion and seconded, the said appointments were recognized.

A communication was read from Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 62, Reading, containing a report of a Committee, adopted by that Lodge, in disapprobation of the proceedings of Late Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 163, and declaring that it is “unnecessary and improper to enter into consideration of the subject matter of the resolutions offered by that late Lodge.”

A Letter was received from Bro. Henry Kiel, dated at St. Genevieve, 4 Decem., 1825, enclosing the Warrant of late Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 109, which was vacated in ———.

A letter was received from the W. M. of Lodge 171, lately held at Pughtown, Chester County, dated 14 Jan<sup>y</sup>. 1826, announcing the removal of the Lodge to Pottstown, Montgomery County, by virtue of a resolution adopted 26 April, 1823.

A Communication was received from Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 183, recently held at the General Jackson Inn, Chester County, announcing the removal of that Lodge on the 9 March, 1825, to the sign of the Gen<sup>l</sup>. Paoli on the Lancaster Turnpike.

The preceding four documents were severally ordered to be filed.

Reports were received from Bro<sup>r</sup>. Joseph Kingsbery and Tho<sup>s</sup>. Hartley Crawford on the state of masonry in their districts during the year 1825, which Reports being read, were severally ordered to be filed.

Reports were received from the Committee of Finance on the a/cs of the Grand Lodge for the fourth quarter of 1825; read and ordered to be filed, Viz:

On the a/cs of the Grand Treasurer.

do. " " " " Grand Secretary.

do. " " " " Hall Committee.

Abstract of Receipts and payments.

The Committee of Finance presented the following abstracts of the receipts and expenditures of the Grand Lodge for the year 1825, which was ordered to be filed:

Reports were received from the Comm<sup>e</sup>. of By Laws on the By Laws of Lodges N<sup>o</sup>. 43, Lancaster; 102, Frankford; 106, Williamsport; 113, Pittsburg, and N<sup>o</sup>. 187, Philadelphia, which were read and severally adopted.

A memorial was received from E—— M——, late member of late lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 163, Towanda, who was expelled by the Grand Lodge on the 7 Novem., 1825, stating in substance that he had had no copy of the citation served upon him and was ignorant that there were any charges against him to be tried, and requesting that the vote of expulsion against him might be rescinded and a trial granted.

On motion made and seconded,

Resolved, That the memorial be laid upon the table and that the Grand Secretary be instructed to inform E. M—— that all the usual steps in the cases of charges against Members of vacated Lodges were taken; that however, the Grand Lodge will hear and consider any communication he may make touching the particular charges on which he was expelled.

The Comm<sup>e</sup>. on the complaint of Bro. George Beatty against Bro. Jeremiah Esler, made a report stating that through the mediation of the Committee all differences between the parties had been adjusted to mutual satisfaction.

On motion and seconded, the above report was adopted.

A Report was received from the Committee appointed on the complaint of Bro. Robert Blower against Bro. John Pearce which concluded with the following Resolutions and being read it was adopted :

Resolved, that the charge made by Bro. Blower against Bro. Pearce for interfering between him and Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 67 in his application for Charity is unfounded, as the Charity of the Lodge had been dispensed to him prior to such interference.

Resolved, that Bro. Pearce is reprehensible for charging Bro. Blower with intemperance and stating that he was an habitual drunkard and had been drunk in the Street ; as the sobriety and good character of Bro. Blower were fully established by the evidence before your Committee.

A Report concluding with the following Resolutions was received from the Committee of enquiry in the case of the differences amongst the members of late lodge N<sup>o</sup> 151, and the same being read, was adopted as amended in the 1st and 4<sup>th</sup> resolution.

1. Resolved, that the conduct of Brother Samuel Runk in relation to the initiation of Samuel Marx, the expulsion of Brothers Hütter and Good and the surrender of the Warrant and declaring his determination not to sit with Bro. Cha<sup>s</sup>. L. Hütter has been rash, imprudent and headstrong and wants that spirit of charity, good will and fraternity which should characterize Masons, and that he be and is hereby censured therefor.

2. Resolved, that the reinstatement of Charles L. Hütter and Peter Good by the Grand Lodge, as members of Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 151, be and is hereby fully confirmed.

3. Resolved, that the expulsion of Brother John Knecht was irregular, and that he be reinstated without prejudice to a future and regular investigation of his conduct, if such a course shall be deemed proper by Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 151.

4. Resolved, that the Warrant of Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 151 be restored to the members thereof and that it be forwarded to the last Senior Warden, with directions to congregate the Lodge on the evening of the next stated meeting when an election shall be

had for officers to serve during the remainder of the current year, who shall be installed forthwith upon their election.

On motion and seconded,

Resolved, That the Grand Sec<sup>y</sup> be requested to send the Warrant of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 151 to the Senior Warden directing him to congregate the Lodge as above.

The Committee on a new Seal and Seal Press, presented a bill of Samuel P. Merrick and Co. for the press, amounting to \$80.

On motion and seconded, the said bill was ordered to be paid.

Returns from the following Lodges were received, read and ordered to be filed, viz :

- 2, Philadelphia. General Return, 1825.
- 3, Philadelphia. General Return, 1825. Suspended, I——  
E——, J—— N——, R—— R——, S—— R——, n.  
p. d. Reinstated, Peter L. Berry, W—— M<sup>c</sup>Caskle.
- 9, Philadelphia. General Returns, 1825. Suspended,  
H—— A——, I—— H——.
- 19, Philadelphia. General Returns, 1825. Susp<sup>d</sup>. n. p. d.,  
G—— B——, J—— O——.
- 22, Sunbury, Northumberland Co. General Returns, 1825.
- 25, Bristol, Bucks County. General Returns, 1823 @ 1825  
inclu. Election Return, Decem., 1823.
- 43, Lancaster. General Returns, 1825.
- 45, Pittsburg. General Return, 1825.
- 52, Philadelphia. General Return, 1825. Exp<sup>d</sup>. G——  
B——, n. p. d.
- 59, Philadelphia. General Returns, 1825.
- 60, Brownsville, Fayette Co. General Return, 1825. Susp<sup>d</sup>.  
W—— A. S——, n. p. d. Reinstated, Rob<sup>t</sup> W.  
Flemming.
- 61, Wilkesbarre. General Return, 1825. Suspensions  
nonp<sup>t</sup> dues, R—— B——, E—— S——, I—— C——,  
H—— B——, A—— D——, J—— B——, S——  
C——, M—— G——, J—— H——, S—— V——  
L——, J—— P——, J—— R——, C. J. C——, B——  
R——, T—— E——, C—— C——.

- 62, Reading, Berks County. Election Returns, 1816 and 1817. General Return, 1825. Expulsion, J—— S——, D—— R——, N—— S——, J—— S——, J—— M——, D—— A. B——, J—— U. S——, J—— M<sup>c</sup>P——, J—— F——, T—— K——, J—— L——, D—— L——, P—— A——, C. A. B——, J—— C——, (Distiller), C—— F——, Jr., G—— D—— S——, T—— M——, J—— G——, non p<sup>t</sup> dues. Suspensions, S—— R——, n. p. dues. Rejections, J—— G——, D—— A. B——.
- 64, Greensburg, Westmoreland Co<sup>y</sup>. General Return, 1825. R—— M——, susp. n. p. d. and G—— B——, expelled.
- 66, Morgantown, Berks County. General Return, 1825.
- 67, Philadelphia. General Return, 1825. Rejection, H—— D——.
- 69, Chester, Delaware County. General Return, 1825. Exp<sup>d</sup>., R—— B——, T—— M. B——, n. p. d. Rejected, J—— F——, M. M. T——.
- 70, Athens, Bradford County. General Return. Susp., C—— S——, W—— W——.
- 75, Charleston, Chester County. General Return, 1825. Susp., J. N—— S——, J—— M——, A—— B——, M—— R——. Election Return, 1821.
- 81, Germantown. General Return, 1825.
- 83, Damascus, Wayne County. General Return, 1824 @ 1825 inclus<sup>e</sup>.
- 91, Philadelphia. General Return, 1825. Susp<sup>d</sup>., W—— L——, W—— S——, H—— S——, n. p. d.
- 94, New Hope, Bucks Co<sup>y</sup>. General Returns, 1825. Election Returns, 1817, 1818, 1819, 1821.
- 102, Frankford. General Return, 1825. Susp<sup>a</sup>., I—— I——, G—— H——, J—— D——, J—— D——, n. p. d. Expelled, S—— D——, u. c., S—— C——, n. p. d. Return of expulsion in January, 1826, of J—— R——, n. p. d. and u. c.
- 106, Williamsport, Lycoming County. General Return, 1825. Rejection, J—— F. Q——, A—— T——.

- 108, Wysox, Bradford County. General Return, 1825. Expulsions, E—— T——, D—— O——, W—— C——, J—— M——.
- 113, Pittsburg, Allegheny County. General Return, 1825. R. B. B——, susp<sup>d</sup>.
- 114, Philadelphia. General Return, 1825.
- 115, Philadelphia. General Return, 1825.
- 119, Hartford, Susquehanna Co. General Return, 1825.
- 123, York, York County. Letter of 4 Jan<sup>y</sup> announcing rejection of Dr. J—— B——.
- 125, Philadelphia. General Return, 1825. Expulsions, M—— P——, H—— K——.
- 128, Philadelphia. General Return, 1825. Exp<sup>u</sup><sup>n</sup>, J—— M——, u. c. and n. p. d. Susp., A—— L——, W—— G——, n. p. d. Rejected, H—— A—— S——.
- 126, Philadelphia. General Returns, 1825.
- 130, Philadelphia. General Returns, 1825. Susp<sup>d</sup>, T—— W. R——, J—— M——, J—— D——, J—— N——, R—— H——, J—— M——, C—— V——, S—— R——, D. W——, P—— B——, n. p. d.
- 131, Philadelphia. Return of suspension of J—— W. M—— for n. p. d.
- 132, Honeybrook, Chester County. General Return, 1825. Exp<sup>d</sup>, J—— C——, J—— J——, Jr., u. c. R—— W. L——, n. p. d. Susp<sup>d</sup>, I—— W. S——, n. p. d.
- 134, Philadelphia. Supplementary Return of Passings and raisings omitted in former returns. General return, 1825. Susp<sup>d</sup> E. M. R——, n. p. d.
- 135, Roxborough. General Return, 1825. Expelled, M—— S——, u. c.
- 136, Abington, Montgomery Co<sup>y</sup>. General Return, 1825. Exp<sup>d</sup>, J—— C——, J—— C——, G—— W. C——, J—— V——, n. p. d. Election Returns, June, 1814, Decem., 1814, June, 1815, Decem., 1816, 1817.
- 138, Orwigsburg, Schuylkill Co. General Return, 1825. Rejected, J—— E——, T—— J——.
- 141, Halifax, Dauphin County. General Returns, 1825. Expulsion G. M. W——, u. c.

- 142, Humphreysville, Chester County. General Return, 1825.  
Susp., J—— Y——, u. c. Exp<sup>d</sup>, J—— M——, u. c.
- 143, Chambersburg, Franklin County. General Return, 1825.  
Rejection J—— R——, J—— B——, J—— M——,  
D—— B——.
- 144, Milton, North<sup>d</sup>. County. General Return, 1825. Susp<sup>d</sup>,  
S—— W——, n. p. d.
- 147, Bethany, Wayne County. Election Return, 1817 and  
1818. General Return, 1825.
- 152, Easton, Northampton County. Election Return, 1825.
- 150, Troy, Bradford County. General Return, 1824 and  
1825 inclusive. Susp<sup>d</sup>, J—— C——, u. c.
- 155, Philadelphia. General Return, 1825. Susp<sup>d</sup>, J——  
A——, L—— B——, A—— C——, J—— W——,  
M. S. M——, L—— C——, J—— L——. Exp<sup>d</sup>,  
R—— C. H——.
- 159, Danville. General Return, 1825. Election Return,  
1819.
- 160, Philadelphia. General Return, 1825. Ex<sup>d</sup>, S. P. B——,  
G. T——.
- 164, Washington, Washington Co<sup>y</sup>. Gen<sup>l</sup>. Return, 1825.  
Exp<sup>d</sup>, J—— L——.
- 168, Doylestown, Bucks Co. General Return, 1825. Susp<sup>d</sup>,  
P—— C——, n. p. d.
- 171, Pottstown, Montgomery Co<sup>y</sup>. General Return, 1825.  
Exp<sup>d</sup>, J—— P. R——, u. c. Susp<sup>d</sup>, J. R——.
- 172, Lebanon, Lebanon Co. General Return, 1825. Exp<sup>d</sup>,  
H. W. S——, H. M. P——, A—— B——. Rejected,  
O—— L——.
- 173, Laurenceville. General Return, 1825.
- 174, Downingtown, Chester Co<sup>y</sup>. General Return, 1825. Ex-  
pelled, W—— M——, n. p. dues.
- 176, Mount Pleasant, Westmoreland Co<sup>y</sup>. General Return,  
1825. Exp<sup>d</sup>, S—— H——, n. p. d. and u. c. Rein-  
stated, Rich. Geary.
- 178, Huntingdon, Huntingdon Co<sup>y</sup>. General Return, 1825.  
Exp<sup>d</sup>, G—— P——, P—— S——, B—— M<sup>c</sup>C——,  
J—— C—— and R—— H——, n. p. d. Return of

reinstatement of Robert Hannah in 1826 and rejection of I. M. G——.

179, Middle Smithfield, Pike County. General Return, 1825.

Expulsion of J—— D—— P——, Jr.

180, Jefferson, Green County. General Return, 1825.

182, Mercer, Mercer County. General Return, 1825.

183, Paoli, Chester County. General Return, 1825.

189, Wellsboro, Tioga County. General Return, 1825.

190, Norristown, Montgomery Co. General Return, 1825.

192, Bellefonte, Centre County. General Return, 1825.

195, Warminster T<sup>P</sup>· Bucks County. General Return, 1825.

196, Mercersburg, Franklin County. General Return, 1825.

Rejected, S—— V—— I——.

197, Carlisle, Cumberland County. General Return, 1825.

198, Shippensburg, Cumberland Co<sup>y</sup>. Return of Members, 1825. Rejected T—— G. E——. Account of Dues. Election Return.

200, Gettysburg, Adams County. General Return, 1825.

201, Mauch Chunk, Northampton Co. General Return, 1825.

Rejected, J—— N——, J—— P——.

202, Green Castle, Franklin County. Return of Members, 1825. Rejected, F. H——, M—— T. K——. Account of Dues. Election Return. Return of J—— M—— rejection in 1826.

203, Mifflin, Mifflin Co<sup>y</sup>. Return of Members, 1826. Account of Dues. Election Return.

On motion made and seconded,

Resolved, that the Committee app<sup>d</sup>. on the 6 Septem., 1824, (Bro. G. B. Porter, Humes and Wislar), on the case of P. Duffield, be discharged and that a new Committee be appointed thereon and requested to proceed to the discharge of its duty forthwith.

Whereupon, the R. W. Grand Master appointed Brother Ebenezer Wright, Jasper Slaymaker and John Landis on said Committee.

On motion made and seconded,

Resolved, that Bro. Geo. B. Porter, R. W. D. D. G. M. for the 3<sup>d</sup> district, be discharged from further consideration of



Simon Cameron's appeal from a vote of rejection passed against him in Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 21, at Harrisburg, and that the said appeal be referred to a Comm<sup>e</sup>. with directions to enquire into and report as soon as practicable.

The R. W. Grand Master appointed Brothers James Kelton, Richard Povall and Joshua Hunt on the said Committee.

The Grand Lodge closed in harmony at 10½ o'clock in the evening.

SAM<sup>L</sup>. H. THOMAS,  
Grand Secretary.

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Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> March, A. D. 1826, A. L. 5826.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Extra Communication.

Present :

Bro. THOMAS KITTERA, R. W. Grand Master.

“ Josiah Randall, R. W. D. G. M., p. t.

“ John K. Kane, R. W. S. G. W., p. t.

“ Sam<sup>L</sup>. H. Thomas, R. W. J. G. W., p. t.

“ Bayse Newcomb, R. W. G. Sec<sup>y</sup>, p. t.

“ Thomas Amies, R. W. G<sup>d</sup>. Treas., p. t.

“ Rich<sup>d</sup>. W. Morgan, Grand Chaplain.

“ Cooper, S. G. Deacon, p. t.

“ J. R. Hopkins, Junior Grand Deacon.

The Grand Lodge was opened in the Entered Apprentices degree at 3½ o'clock in the afternoon.

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to announce to the brethren that they were congregated by him by virtue of his prerogative for the purpose of entering, passing and raising the Reverend Benjamin Allen, Rector of St. Paul's Church in this City, to the sublime degree of a Master Mason.

The Rev<sup>d</sup>. Benjamin Allen being in waiting was introduced and Initiated into the first degree of Masonry, when he retired.

The Grand Lodge was closed in the Entered Apprentices degree and opened in the degree of a Fellow Craft.

Brother Allen was introduced and passed to the degree of a Fellow Craft, when he retired.

The Grand Lodge was closed in the Fellow Crafts degree and opened in the degree of a Master Mason.

Brother Allen was again introduced and raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason.

The R. W. Grand Master directed the Grand Secretary to record the proceedings of this Communication on the Book of Minutes of the Grand Lodge.

And the Grand Lodge closed in harmony at 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

SAM<sup>L</sup>. H. THOMAS,  
Grand Secretary.

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Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> April, A. D. 1826, A. L. 5826.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Extra Communication.

Present :

Bro. THOMAS KITTERA, R. W. Grand Master.

“ John K. Kane, S. Gr<sup>d</sup>. Warden, p. t.

“ James Gowen, J. G. Warden, p. t.

“ William Boyd, S. G. Deacon, p. t.

“ Robert Kid, J. G. Deacon, p. t.

“ T. B. Freeman, R. W. Grand Sec<sup>y</sup>, p. t.

“ Benj. Allen, Grand Chaplain.

“ Josiah Randall and S. F. Bradford, P. G. Masters.

The Grand Lodge was opened in the Entered Apprentice's degree at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

The R. W. Grand Master announced to the brethren that they had been congregated by virtue of his prerogative to enter, pass and raise to the sublime degree of a Master Mason, the Rev<sup>d</sup>. R. Hall, of York County, in this Commonwealth.

The Rev<sup>d</sup>. R. D. Hall, being in waiting was introduced and initiated into the first degree of Masonry, when he retired.

The Grand Lodge was closed in the degree of an Entered Apprentice, and opened in the Fellow Craft's degree.

Bro. Hall was introduced and passed to the degree of a Fellow Craft when he retired.

The Grand Lodge was closed in the degree of a Fellow Craft and opened in the Master Mason's degree.

Bro. Hall was again introduced, and was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason.

The Grand Lodge was closed in harmony at 6 o'clock in the Evening.

SAM<sup>L</sup>. H. THOMAS,  
Grand Sec<sup>y</sup>.

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PHILADA., Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> June, A. D. 1826, A. L. 5826.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Quarterly Communication.

Present :

Bro. THOMAS KITTERA, R. W. Grand Master.

“ Samuel Badger, R. W. Deputy G. M.

“ Michael Nisbet, R. W. Senior G. Warden.

“ John Steele, Jr., R. W. Junior G. Warden.

“ Sam<sup>L</sup>. H. Thomas, R. W. Grand Secre<sup>y</sup>.

“ Sam<sup>L</sup>. H. Perkins, Dep<sup>y</sup>. Gr<sup>d</sup>. Secre<sup>y</sup>.

“ Ant<sup>y</sup>. Fannen, Senior G. Deacon, p. t.

“ Jos. R. Hopkins, Junior G. Deacon.

“ B. F. Neal, Grand Pursuivant, p. t.

“ Benj. Allen, Grand Chaplain.

“ Josiah Randall, R. W. Past Gr<sup>d</sup>. Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 91, 114, 115, 121, 123, 126, 128, 130, 131, 134, 158, 160, 168, 172, 174, 186, 187 and 195 represented.

Twenty eight Lodges being represented, the Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at 7½ o'clock in the evening.

A petition was received and read from a number of brethren residing in Susquehannah County, praying for a Warrant to hold a lodge in the township of Brooklyn, in that County, to be called Morning Dawn, and nominating for the first Officers thereof, Ebenezer Gore, to be first Wor. Master ; Charles R. Marsh, first Senior Warden, and Joseph Lines, first Junior Warden.

The said petition being in due form and recommended

agreeably to the regulations of the Grand Lodge it was on motion made and seconded, Resolved, That a Warrant be granted as prayed for, N<sup>o</sup>. 207, as soon as the petitioners shall have satisfied the R. W. Grand Master that they are master masons in good standing and not members of any lodge.

A petition was received and read from a number of brethren residing in Perry County, praying for a Warrant to hold a Lodge in Landisburg, to be called Golden Rule, and nominating for the first Officers thereof, R. H. McClelland, to be the first Wor. Mas.; Jacob Stroop, first Senior Warden, and John Dunbar Creigh, first Jun. War<sup>n</sup>.

The said Petition being in due form and recommended agreeably to the Regulations of the Grand Lodge, it was on Motion made and seconded, Resolved, That a Warrant be granted as prayed for numbered 208.

Reports were received and read from the Comm<sup>e</sup>. of By-Laws on the By Laws of Lodges 52, held at Philadelphia; N<sup>o</sup>. 69, Chester; N<sup>os</sup>. 130 and 158, Philadelphia, and N<sup>o</sup>. 198, Shippensburg, and on Motion made and seconded, the same were adopted severally.

The Comm<sup>e</sup>. of Finance to whom was referred on the 6 June, 1825, a letter from the Ex<sup>rs</sup>. of Bro. Bern<sup>d</sup>. Dahlgren, relative to the a/cs of the latter with the Grand Lodge reported,

"That they had examined the said account with the accompanying documents and found therein a balance due to the Executors of the late Bro. Dahlgren of \$521-<sup>9</sup>/<sub>100</sub>.

"That the Committee has rejected the claims set up by the Executors for extra services rendered by Bro. Dahlgren during his continuance in the Office of Grand Secretary as incorrect, and had therefore not allowed the same."

A motion being made and seconded, for the adoption of the Report, and a decision of the question being called for, the first paragraph of the report was adopted. The second paragraph was ordered to be laid on the table.

The Grand Secretary reported that the following lodges were at this time suspended, viz:

N<sup>o</sup>. 100, Bloomsburg, Columbia Co.

N<sup>o</sup>. 145, Wilkinsburg, Alleghany Co.

148, Northumberland, North. C<sup>y</sup>.

149, Montrose, Susquehanna C<sup>y</sup>.

All for non payment of dues.

The above Report was ordered to be filed.

An appeal was received and read from M—— M. T—— from 2 votes of rejection passed against him in Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 69, held at Chester, Delaware County.

On motion and seconded, the said appeal was referred to Brothers Pettit, Perkins and David Paul Brown to enquire and report.

An appeal was received and read from P—— B—— from a vote of rejection passed against him in Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 172, Lebanon; and of S—— L—— from a vote of rejection passed against him in the same Lodge.

On motion made and seconded, the said Appeals were referred to Brothers Isaac Hiester, A. L. Hayes and Jacob Sallade, to enquire and report.

An appeal was received and read of G—— H—— from a vote of expulsion against him in Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 21.

On Motion and seconded, Resolved, that the said appeal be referred to W. Foulk, J. Squires and G. D. Foulk.

On motion made and seconded, Resolved that Simon Cameron who was rejected on his application for initiation in Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 21, have leave to apply for initiation to that or any other Lodge; it appearing to the satisfaction of the Grand Lodge that Bro. Porter, who was appointed on the 5 Sept., 1824, to enquire into the facts of the case and report thereon and subsequently discharged from a consideration thereof, and that the Committee which was appointed thereon on the 6 March, 1826, had been satisfied that no good cause existed for the exclusion of the said Cameron from the order.

On Motion of the Committee of Finance and seconded,

Resolved, That the Grand Officers be and they are hereby authorized to take such measures as they may deem expedient to reduce the premium on the perpetual Insurances of \$10,000 each, effected on the Masonic Hall, or to effect new ones at a reduced premium if they may think proper.

Resolved, that the price of a Grand Lodge Certificate be and it is hereby reduced to two dollars.

The Comm<sup>e</sup> appointed on the 6 June, 1825, on the expediency of procuring a new Grand Lodge Certificate Reported,

That the old plate had by use become much defaced and that a new plate which would cost from \$150 to \$200 should be procured and offered the following Resolution :

Resolved, that the Grand Officers cause to be engraved a new Grand Lodge Certificate of such design as they shall approve.

On motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, That the Warrant of late lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 145, held at Wilksburg near Pittsburg, be vacated for non payment of dues.

Resolved, That the Warrant of late lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 133, formerly held at Beaver, Beaver County, and which ceased owing to the neglect of its members to meet since        be revived as soon as compleat Returns are received to the time it ceased and satisfactory arrangements are made for payment of the balance which may be due to the Grand Lodge ; and that the members of the said lodge be then authorized to hold an election for officers.

Resolved, That the Warrant of late Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 146, suspended for non payment of dues to the Grand Lodge be revived, and the late members thereof authorized to hold an Election for Officers on the present payment of the dues which accrued in 1825 and agreement to pay on or before the first day of March of every year hereafter, the dues of the preceeding year together with twenty five dollars on a/c of the debt due on the 27 Decem., 1824, until the said debt shall be wholly liquidated.

Resolved, that the Warrant of late Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 100, Bloomsburg, Columbia County, be vacated for non payment of dues.

Reports were received and read from the following District Deputy Grand Masters and ordered to be filed, viz :

Dr. D. Petrikin, on the state of the fraternity in his district composed of the Counties of Lycoming, North<sup>d</sup>. Union and Columbia, and declining a reappointment owing to the pressure of his professional engagements.

Garrick Mallery, Esq., D. D. G. M., for the Counties of Luzerne, Wayne and Susquehanna, stating that he had not granted any dispensations during the past year and that on other subjects he would give further information as soon as time would permit and he would be able.

Tho<sup>s</sup>. H. Crawford, Esq., D. D. G. M., for the Counties of Franklin, Cumberland, Perry and Bedford, Viz: Return of Dispensations issued during the 1st and 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 1825, and first quarter of 1826.

This being the evening appointed for Alpheus Ingham, late member of late lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 163, Towanda, Bradford County, to appear and make answer to the citation directed to him on the 21st November last, two letters from him dated 4 Decem., 1825, and 22 May, respectively, were read; the former stating the improbability of his being able to attend the Grand lodge on this day because of his engagements at Litchfield in Connecticut, the latter stating in relation to his case, that he was admitted a member of lodge 163 but a short time before its Warrant was suspended, that from the time the first report of the Towanda Lodge on its differences with the Grand Lodge was read to the time of its publication, (of which when report was made he had not the most distant idea), he was absent; that if the reports contain anything unmasonic, so far as he was concerned, it was unintentional, and that no idea of a violation of his fidelity or allegiance to the Grand Lodge was indulged for a moment.

On motion made and seconded,

Resolved, That the Citation directed to Alpheus Ingham on the 5 Sept., 1825, be dismissed.

A letter was received and read from Sam<sup>l</sup>. Runk, late W. M. of lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 151, Allentown, dated 27 April, 1826, exculpating himself from the censure which the Grand Lodge passed upon his conduct on the 6 March last, and complaining of their decision on the disputes in N<sup>o</sup>. 151, by which he considers himself aggrieved.

On motion made and seconded,

Resolved, that the Grand Sec<sup>y</sup>. make a respectful acknowledgement of Bro. Runk's letter, and that the same be filed.

A letter was received and read from Bro. Joel R. Poinsett, Ambassador from the United States of America near the United States of Mexico, dated at the City of Mexico, 15 April, 1826, stating that he had been instrumental in establishing there a Grand Lodge of Ancient York Masons, that before the said Grand Lodge was installed, Five subordinate Lodges which had existed there for some time had Requested him to write to the G<sup>d</sup>. Lodge of New York for Charters, and that his applications thereupon had been neglected ; that if the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania would extend its protection to the growing masonry of Mexico he would cheerfully act as their deputy.

On motion made and seconded,

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Master be requested to empower Bro. Joel R. Poinsett to issue dispensations to a sufficient number of regularly made ancient York Master Masons in the Republics of Mexico and Central America, authorizing them to meet and labour as regular lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge for a limited period within which such lodges shall apply for Warrants of Constitution ; and also to grant the said Bro. J. R. Poinsett such further powers as may be deemed necessary and proper.

A Communication was received and read from the Grand Lodge of Maine, dated 12 Jan<sup>y</sup>. 1826, replying at length to the Communication of this Grand Lodge of 21<sup>st</sup> March last, and maintaining the ground opposed by this Grand Lodge.

On Motion and Seconded,

Resolved, that the said Communication be referred to a Committee of five.

Whereupon, Brothers Randall, Dallas, Badger, Freeman and John M. Read were appointed on said Committee.

A Report was received from the Charity Committee shewing that the funds and Securities in their hands on the 1st inst. were as follows, viz :

Masonic Loans six shares, . . . . .	\$600.
Gas Loan, . . . . .	432.50
Cash on hand to be invested, . . . . .	445.60
Total, . . . . .	<u>1478.10</u>



and stating that any donation which the Grand Lodge, any subordinate Lodge, or any member of the masonic family might make to this Charity Fund, would be most thankfully received.

On Motion and seconded,

Resolved, That the Report of the Charity Committee be adopted.

Resolved, That a Copy thereof be furnished to every subordinate lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

A certified Copy of a Resolution which was adopted by the Members of late Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 149, held at Montrose, directing the late W. M. to surrender the Warrant thereof to the Grand Lodge was read, and On Motion made and seconded, it was

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge accept the surrender of the said Warrant.

Reports were received and read from the Committee of Finance on the a/cs of the Grand Lodge for the first quarter of the present year, and on motion and seconded, they were adopted, viz :

a/c of the Grand Treasurer.

do " " Grand Secretary.

do " " Hall Committee.

do " " Gas Committee.

Abstracts of Receipts and Expenditures first quarter shewing a balance of \$1190 $\frac{58}{100}$  in the Grand Treasury on the 31 March, 1826.

The Grand Lodge adjourned in harmony at 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  in the evening to meet on the third Monday in the present month at the usual hour.

SAM<sup>L</sup>. H. THOMAS,  
Grand Sec<sup>y</sup>.

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PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> June, 1826, A. L. 5826.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Quarterly Communication.

Present :

Bro. THOMAS KITTERA, R. W. Grand Master.

- Bro. Sam<sup>l</sup>. Badger, R. W. Dep<sup>y</sup>. Gr<sup>d</sup>. Master.  
 “ M. Nisbet, R. W. Sen<sup>r</sup>. Gr<sup>d</sup>. Warden.  
 “ John Steele, Jr., R. W. Jun<sup>r</sup>. Grd. Warden.  
 “ Sam<sup>l</sup>. H. Thomas, R. W. Grand Secretary.  
 “ Soloman Allen, R. W. Grand Treas., p. t.  
 “ E. W. Keyser, Senior Grand Deacon.  
 “ Junior Grand Deacon, p. t.  
 “ John Cooper, Grand Pursuivant.  
 “ Benjamin Allen,  
 “ Rich<sup>d</sup>. U. Morgan, } Grand Chaplains.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 21, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 91, 114, 115, 121, 126, 128, 130, 131, 134, 152, 158, 160, 186, 187, 174, 176, 195 and 201 represented.

Twenty nine Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at 7½ o'clock in the evening.

Reports were received from the following lodges, viz :

- 21, Harrisburg. Supplementary Return of Members from 27 Decem., 1779 to 27 Decem., 1823. General return, 1825. Members expelled, W—— G——, I—— McC——, F—— R. S—— and G. F. C——.
- 46, Ephrata, Lancaster Co<sup>y</sup>. General Return, 1825. Expulsions, J—— D—— and A—— S——, n. p. d., W—— D——, U. C.
- 50, West Chester. General Return, 1825. Reinstatements, A. Marshall, Jr., A. Jackson, Em. Carter, R. T. Martin and Joseph Carter.
- 69, Chester. Return of Election held 18 Mar., 1826, by Dispensation from the R. W. Grand Master.
- 82, Milford, Pike County. General Returns, 1824 @ 1825. Expulsions, R. S. D——, J—— R——, J—— B——, J—— D——, M—— W——, C—— L——, n. p. d.
- 84, Somerset, Somerset County. General Return, 1825. Reinstated, Andrew Stewart, Jacob Graft.
- 104, New Holland, Lancaster County. General Return, 1825. Suspensions, W—— McM——, J—— McC——, J—— C. B——, H—— R—— and J—— L. G——, n. p. d.
- 116, Marietta, Lancaster County. General Return, 1825. Expulsion, J—— C——, H. C. L——, A. L. E——, M—— L——, R—— B——.

- 123, York, York County. General Return, 1825. Rejected, Dr. J—— B——. Communication of the rejection of J—— S—— and T—— C——.
- 136, Orwigsburg, Schuylkill County. Commu<sup>n</sup> rejection of A—— M—— and Reinstatement of Theo. Hughes.
- 146, Meadville, Crawford County. General Return, 1825.
- 143, Chambersburg, Franklin County. Announcing that the rejection of J—— R—— was annulled.
- 144, Milton, Northumberland C<sup>y</sup>. Announcing the reinstatement of Sol. Levan, James D. Forsman and James Madden.
- 149, Montrose, Susquehannah Co<sup>y</sup>. General Returns to 1825.
- 152, Easton, Northampton County. General Returns, 1825.
- 156, Drumore, Lancaster County. General Return, 1825. Rejected, R—— D——.
- 162, New London X Roads, Chester County. General Return, 1825.
- 165, Pittsburg, Alleghany County. General Return, 1825.
- 169, Columbia, Lancaster County. General Return, 1825. Rejected, P—— D——. Expelled, C—— H——, n. p. d. S—— C. A——, n. p. d. J—— M<sup>c</sup>M—— u. c.
- 184, Fairview, Erie County. General Return, 1825. Suspended, B—— E——.
- 194, New Berlin, Union County. General Return, 1825. Expelled, E. R. D—— for Intemperance. Rejected, H—— G——.
- 201, Mauch Chunk, Northampton C<sup>y</sup>. Announcing the rejection of E—— L——.
- 202, Greencastle, Franklin Co<sup>y</sup>. Rejection of F—— H—— and C—— S——.
- 204, Tunkhannock, Luzerne Co. Return of Members, 1825. Account of Dues, 1825. Election Return, 1825.

On motion and seconded, a number of Visitors were admitted.

The Warrant of Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 68, vacated 4 April, 1814, of Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 79, vacated on the same day and of Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 124, vacated on the 7 March, 1825, were severally surrendered through the Grand Secretary.

A Return was received from Bro. Mallery, R. W. District Dep<sup>y</sup>. Grand Master for the First District, to the Dispensation to constitute Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 206 in Middletown Township, Susquehanna County, shewing that that Lodge was constituted on the 27<sup>th</sup> May last.

A Communication was received and read from Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 132, formerly held in Honey Brook township, Chester County, announcing that the Lodge was removed to Waynesburg in the same County, by virtue of a Resolution adopted by the Lodge on 29<sup>th</sup> April last.

Reports were received from the Committee of By Laws on the By Laws of Lodges N<sup>o</sup>. 62, 156, 173 and 203, and the same having been read were severally adopted.

The Committee to which was referred at the last meeting the communication of the Grand Lodge of Maine, in reply to the communication of this Grand Lodge of 21 March, 1825, made report thereon concluding with the following Resolutions, viz :

Resolved, that this Grand Lodge adhere to the Resolutions adopted on the 21 March, 1825.

Resolved, that they consider the Resolution adopted by the Grand Lodge of Maine as a matter of great importance to the fraternity and therefore respectfully request the attention of the different Grand Lodges in the United States to the subject.

On motion and seconded,

Resolved, that the said Report be adopted.

Resolved, That a copy thereof, together with the Communication to which it is a reply, be forwarded to every Grand Lodge in the United States.

The Committee appointed on the 5 September, 1825, to enquire whether any violations of the compact between the Grand and subordinate Lodges with respect to the dues and contributions asses'd upon the latter had taken place, made Report, stating in substance that the sums charged by the Grand Chapter for Chapter Warrants are respectively an increase of the price for Warrants beyond the sum paid at the time of the compact above referred to ; and that the Grand Lodge had through inadvertance, (the constitution of the

grand chapter being adopted subsequently to, and not in the manner set forth in the compact,) violated the first proposition thereof. The Report concludes with the following Resolutions, viz :

1. Resolved, that a Committee be appointed to confer with a similar Committee of the Grand Chapter on the subject referred to in this Report, and that the Committee of the Grand Lodge be directed to report the result of their conference at the first meeting of the Grand Lodge after the appointment of the Committee by the Grand Chapter.

2. Resolved, that the Grand Secretary be directed to transmit a copy of this report and Resolutions attached, to the H. R. A. Grand Chapter for its consideration.

Bro. E. T. Weaver, one of the Comm<sup>s</sup> presented in writing his reasons for dissenting from the report which were read.

On Motion and seconded, the Report was adopted.

Brother Randall, G. M. Dallas and Samuel H. Thomas were appointed a committee under the first Resolution.

The second paragraph of the report made by the Committee of Finance on the 5<sup>th</sup> inst. on the claims made by the Executors of Bernard Dahlgren for services he rendered, was called up for consideration; when in lieu thereof the following Resolution was offered and adopted, viz :

Resolved, that the sum of three hundred dollars be paid to the Executors of Bernard Dahlgren, deceased, for extraordinary services performed by him as Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge.

On motion made and seconded,

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to enquire whether a past master who ceases to be a member of a subordinate lodge under this jurisdiction can continue a member of the Grand Lodge.

Brothers James M. Porter, Tho<sup>s</sup>. F. Gordon and R. M. Sykes were appointed on the said Committee.

A Return was received to the Dispensation to instal the officers of the Lodge at Allentown, N<sup>o</sup>. 151, shewing that they were installed on the 2<sup>d</sup> May.

The Grand Lodge closed in harmony at 10 $\frac{3}{4}$  o'clock, P. M.

SAM<sup>L</sup>. H. THOMAS, Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> Sept., A. D. 1826, A. L. 5826.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Quarterly Communication.

Present :

Bro. THOMAS KITTERA, R. W. Grand Master.

“ Samuel Badger, R. W. Deputy G. Master.

“ John Steele, Jr., R. W. Junior G. Warden,  
acting as R. W. Senior G. Warden, p. t.

“ Francis Cooper, R. W. Junior G. Warden, p. t.

“ Robert Toland, R. W. Grand Treasurer.

“ Sam<sup>l</sup> H. Thomas, R. W. Grand Secretary.

“ Sam<sup>l</sup> H. Perkins, Deputy Grand Sec<sup>y</sup>.

“ Joseph S. Riley, Senior Grand Deacon.

“ Junior Grand Deacon.

“ David Moody, Grand Pursuivant, p. t.

“ Benj. Allen, Grand Chaplain.

“ Josiah Randall, Past Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 3, 9, 19, 51, 52, 59, 67, 72, 91, 106, 114, 115, 121, 126, 128, 130, 134, 158, 165, 172, 113, 174, 168, 186, 187, 195 and 201 represented.

Twenty seven lodges being represented, the Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at 7½ o'clock.

On motion made and seconded, a number of visitors were admitted.

The minutes of the quarterly grand communication of the 5<sup>th</sup> June, and of the adjourned quarterly communication of the 19<sup>th</sup> June, were read and severally adopted.

The Grand Secretary reported, that Lodge l'Amenite, No. 73, in Philad., had not assembled nor elected officers within the last year and that consequently the warrant was dormant. That lodges 175 @ 181 in St. Jago de Cuba, had not made returns or communications for several years and he had been credibly informed that owing to political causes the lodges in Cuba had long since ceased to meet, and that the Warrant of lodge 148 in Northumberland, continued suspended for non payment of dues.

On motion and seconded, the said Report was adopted.

The Grand Secretary made report as follows :

The number of initiations in the Lodges meeting in the

City and County of Philada. from 27 Decem., 1824 to		
27 Decem., 1825 was,	.	170
Ditto do. in lodges elsewhere,	.	463
Total,		633
The number of brethren admitted members of the City		
and County Lodges was,	.	56
Ditto of lodges elsewhere,	.	153
Total,		209
The deaths, demissions, &c., in the City and County		
lodges was,	.	195
Ditto do. in lodges elsewhere,	.	445
Total,		640

The returns shew that 1073 members belonged to lodges in Philadelphia City and County on the 27<sup>th</sup> December last and that 2134 members belonged to lodges elsewhere, total 3207 members of lodges under this jurisdiction.

No returns have been received from lodges 107, Kaskaskia, 148, Northumberland, Nos. 175 @ 181, St. Jago de Cuba and 191, Alvarado.

Compared with the year 1824, there has been an increase of 189 Initiations and 61 admissions.

On motion made and seconded,

Resolved, that the above report be adopted.

Reports from the Committee of By-Laws on the by-laws of lodges N<sup>o</sup>. 84, Somerset ; 171, Pottstown, and 195, Warminster township, Bucks County, were read and severally adopted.

A Report from the same Comm<sup>e</sup> on the by laws of lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 208 was read and as amended it was adopted.

The Committee appointed on the 19<sup>th</sup> June to confer with a similar comm<sup>e</sup> to be appointed by the grand chapter on the subject of fees for Warrants to hold chapters reported as follows :

That having conferred with each other and with a Committee appointed by the Grand Chapter upon the matter submitted to them by the Grand Lodge, both committees are unanimously of opinion that so much of the constitution of

the Grand H. R. A. Chapter agreed to by the Grand Lodge as gives to the Grand Chapter the power of taking fees for Warrants to hold R. A. Chapters within their jurisdiction, is a substantial violation of the compact between the Grand and subordinate Lodges as set forth in the first proposition submitted by the Grand Committee which met in this City in 1823, to the Grand Lodge and adopted on the 7<sup>th</sup> March of that year.

Your committee have in view the prosperity of H. R. A. Masonry, and being convinced of the absolute necessity of extending its benefits, and at the same time anxious to preserve unsullied the faith of the grand lodge of Pennsylvania, are of opinion that the most feasible mode of overcoming this difficulty is to submit the same to the consideration of the subordinate lodges, agreeably to the terms of the said first proposition. They therefore offer the following Resolution :

Resolved, that the constitution of the G. H. R. A. Chapter, so far as it authorizes the G<sup>d</sup>. Chapter to make rules and regulations for the government of H. R. A. Masonry and thereby confers the power to receive fees for granting Warrants to H. R. A. Chapters under their jurisdiction and for other services, be, and the same is hereby confirmed.

On motion made and seconded,

Resolved, that the Grand Secretary be directed to communicate to the subordinate Lodges under this jurisdiction a copy of the above report and of the proceedings which led to the appointment of a committee to confer with a committee to be appointed by the Grand Chapter and to inform them that the question on the adoption of the resolution attached to the report, will be determined at the quarterly communication to be held on the first Monday in December next.

Reports were received from the Committee of Finance on the accounts of the Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary and Hall Committee, which were read and ordered to be filed ; also, an abstract of the receipts and payments on a/c of the grand lodge during the second quarter of 1826.

A report was received from the Committee appointed on the appeal of Mordecai Taylor from a vote of rejection by lodge



N<sup>o</sup>. 69, held at Chester, concluding with the following resolution, viz :

Resolved, that the vote against Mordecai Taylor in Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 69, be so far rescinded as to allow him to apply again to that or any lodge for initiation.

On motion made and seconded, the said report was adopted as amended.

A report was received from the Committee appointed on the appeal of P——B—— and S—— L—— respectively from a vote of rejection against them by lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 172, held at Lebanon, and on motion it was amended by inserting therein the following resolution, viz :

Resolved, that the votes of rejection by Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 172 against P—— B—— and S—— L—— be and they are hereby confirmed.

And the said report as amended was adopted.

A communication from Bro. Henry Lenhart, D. D. G. M., dated at Williamsport, Lycoming Co<sup>y</sup>. on the 23<sup>d</sup> June, was received and read, giving an account of a recent visit to the lodges in his district composed of the Counties of Northumberland, Union, Columbia and Lycoming.

The said communication was ordered to be filed.

On motion made and seconded,

Resolved, that the Warrant of lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 148, Northumberland, Northumberland county, be and the same is hereby vacated for non payment of dues.

A report was received from Bro. G. B. Porter, D. D. G. M. for the 3<sup>d</sup> district, dated at Lancaster, 22<sup>d</sup> June, 1826, giving an account of his proceedings for 1825 and for 1826 to the time of the report.

And on motion seconded, it was ordered to be filed.

A letter was received and read from Samuel Runk, late W. M. of lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 151, in relation to the proceedings and report of the Committee appointed by the grand lodge to enquire into the disputes which existed among the members of the lodge, &c.

On motion and seconded,

Resolved, that the said letter, (dated 30 July, 1826), be referred to a Comm<sup>e</sup>. of three.

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint on said Committee Bro<sup>rs</sup>. Read, John M. Scott and F. Plummer.

A communication from lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 3, in Philadelphia, dated 18<sup>th</sup> July noticing the expulsion by that lodge of A—— W—— for unmasonic conduct was received and read.

An appeal by A—— W—— against the said expulsion was presented and read, and on motion and seconded, it was referred to a Committee of three to enquire and report.

The R. W. Grand Master appointed Brothers Nisbet, Perkins and Gauntt on said Committee.

An appeal of I—— R—— from a vote of rejection by lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 172, was received and read and on motion and seconded, it was referred to a Comm<sup>e</sup> of three to enquire and report.

The R. W. Grand Master appointed Brothers N. B. Wood, J. Bailey and Jer<sup>h</sup>. Reese.

A communication from lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 119, dated 21 July, 1826, of the removal of the lodge from Hartford to Gibson in Susquehanna County in November, 1825, was received, read and ordered to be filed.

A commission from Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 113, Pittsburg, directed to Bro. Josiah Randall, constituting him the proxy of that lodge in the grand lodge was presented.

On Motion and seconded,

Resolved, that Bro. Josiah Randall be recognized as the proxy of lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 113.

A similar commission from lodge 197, at Carlisle, directed to Bro. Geo. M. Dallas was also presented and read, and on motion and seconded, he was recognized as the proxy of that lodge.

A certified copy of a resolution adopted by lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 113, on the 13 July, expressive of their thanks to Bro. D. Nathans for his services as Grand Lecturer was presented, read and ordered to be filed.

A certified copy of a resolution of lodge 146, Meadville, Crawford County, adopted 13 June, 1826, agreeing to pay forty dollars on or before the first day of March of every year with the dues of the preceeding year until the whole sum due

to the grand lodge shall be liquidated, was presented, read and ordered to be filed.

Sundry communications were presented and read in relation to Dr. John Creigh of Carlisle, from which it appeared that on the 27<sup>th</sup> December, 1797, he had been erroneously returned as expelled by lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 68, then held at Mifflintown, now extinct.

On motion and seconded,

Resolved, that the error of late lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 68 in returning Bro. John Creigh, a member thereof as expelled from that lodge be and the same is hereby corrected, and that on payment of \$6<sup>47</sup>/<sub>100</sub>, the dues owing by him to the lodge, a certificate be granted in his favour.

A Bill from W<sup>m</sup>. Christie, Upholsterer, for drapery, &c., furnished for the dinner of Gen<sup>l</sup> La Fayette in 1824, amounting with interest to \$169<sup>24</sup> was presented and read.

On motion and seconded,

Resolved, that the same be referred with all similar accounts to a Committee of five to enquire and report.

The R. W. Grand Master appointed on said Committee Brothers Bradford, Badger, S. H. Thomas, Kane and Browne.

Bro. Robert Toland, Grand Treasurer, was installed into his office, and being duly proclaimed, received the cordial and accustomed salutations of the Brethren.

The following Returns were received and ordered to be filed, viz :

G. B. Porter, D. D. G. M. of 3<sup>d</sup> district. Return of dispensations issued in 1825 and 1st quarter 1826.

Henry Lenhart, D. D. G. M. 8<sup>th</sup> district. Return dispensations issued 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 1826.

N<sup>o</sup>. 21, Harrisburg. Supplementary return of members to December, 1825.

46, Lititz. Communication of the removal of the lodge from Ephrata to Lititz on the 4<sup>th</sup> April, 1825.

67, Philadelphia. Return of suspension of F—— H——, T—— W——, A—— B. C——, T—— S—— and A—— M<sup>c</sup>K——, and of the expulsion of W—— K—— for non payment of dues.

N<sup>o</sup>. 83, Damascus. Supplementary Return of Members to revival of the lodge in 1825.

151, Allentown. Election Returns, 21 March, 1826.

153, Waynesburg, Greene County. General Returns, 1825.

177, Delaware, Pike County. General Returns, 1825.

185, Braintrim, Luzerne County. General Returns, 1825.

196, Mercersburg, Franklin County. Rejection of J——  
C——.

208, Landisburg, Perry County. Return to Dispensation to constitute, shewing that the lodge was constituted on the 26 June, 1826.

The Grand Lodge closed in harmony at 9 $\frac{3}{4}$  o'clock.

SAM<sup>L</sup>. H. THOMAS,  
Grand Sec<sup>y</sup>.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> Novem., A. D. 1826, A. L. 5826.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Extra Communication.

Present :

Bro. SAMUEL BADGER, R. W. Grand Master.

“ Samuel H. Thomas, R. W. Sen. Grand Warden, p. t.

“ R. W. Junior Grand Warden, p. t.

“ Senior grand deacon, p. t.

“ Wragg, Junior grand deacon, p. t.

“ Gregory T. Bedell, Grand Chaplain.

The grand lodge was opened at 6 $\frac{1}{2}$  o'clock in the evening in the entered apprentices degree for the purpose of initiating the Rev<sup>d</sup>. Greensburg W. Ridgeley into the mysteries of freemasonry agreeably to the will of the R. W. grand Master.

The Rev<sup>d</sup>. R. W. Ridgley being in waiting was introduced and initiated.

The grand lodge then closed at 8 o'clock in harmony.

SAM<sup>L</sup>. H. THOMAS,  
Grand Secretary.

PHILADA., Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> Decem., A. D. 1826, A. L. 5826.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Quarterly Communication.

Present :

Bro. SAM<sup>L</sup>. BADGER, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, in the Chair.

- " Michael Nisbet, R. W. Deputy Grand Mas., p. t.
- " John Steele, Jr., R. W. Senior grand warden, p. t.
- " T. B. Freeman, R. W. Junior grand warden, p. t.
- " Henry Benner, R. W. Grand treasurer, p. t.
- " Samuel H. Thomas, R. W. Grand secretary.
- " Samuel H. Perkins, Deputy grand secret<sup>y</sup>.
- " David Boyd, Senior grand deacon, p. t.
- " Junior grand deacon, p. t.
- " John K. Kane, Grand marshal.
- " Fred<sup>k</sup>. Plummer, Grand Chaplain, p. t.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 21, 45, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 75, 84, 91, 102, 114, 115, 121, 128, 130, 131, 136, 155, 142, 158, 160, 168, 171, 173, 174, 186, 187, 190, 195 and 201 represented.

Thirty six lodges being represented, the grand lodge was opened in due form at 6 o'clock in the evening.

A Petition was received from a number of brethren residing near Hillsboro', Washington County, praying for a Warrant to hold a lodge in that place to be called Hillsborough Union; and nominating for the first officers thereof Bro. John M. Davis, as Worshipful Master; Bro. Stephen Hill, as first senior warden, and Bro. Reuben Perry, as first junior warden.

And the said petition being in due form and recommended agreeably to the rules and regulations of the grand lodge,

On motion and seconded,

Resolved, that a Warrant be granted as prayed for, so soon as the petitioners shall have satisfied the R. W. grand master that they are M. masons in good standing and not members of any lodge, the Warrant to be numbered 209.

A petition was received and read from a number of brethren residing in Kensington near Philadelphia, praying for a War-

rant to hold a lodge in that place to be called Kensington, and nominating for the first officers thereof, Bro. David Snyder as Worshipful master; Bro. Alexander Quintin, as first senior warden, and Bro. James Keen, as Junior Warden.

On motion and seconded,

Resolved, that the said petition be laid on the table until the next meeting of the grand lodge.

This being the day appointed by the regulations of the grand lodge for the election of officers to serve during the year ensuing next St. John's day, the members proceeded to a ballot when the following brethren were duly elected, viz:

Bro. Thomas Kittera, R. W. Grand Master.

" Samuel Badger, R. W. Deputy grand Master.

" Michael Nisbet, R. W. Sen. grand warden.

" John Steele, Jr., R. W. Junior grand warden.

" Robert Toland, R. W. Grand treasurer.

" Sam<sup>l</sup> H. Thomas, R. W. Grand Secretary.

The Resolution offered at the quarterly communication in September last. by the committee appointed to confer with a similar committee of the grand chapter of Pennsylvania, was taken up for consideration.

The grand secretary informed the grand lodge that a copy of that resolution had been duly transmitted to every subordinate lodge; and presented the following communications which had been received in relation thereto, viz:

From Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 21, a circular letter, dated Harrisburg, 29<sup>th</sup> September, 1826, disapproving of the resolution before the grand lodge, the establishment of a grand chapter and the concession of any right which the grand lodge has or had over the subordinate lodges.

From lodge N<sup>o</sup> 43, a circular letter, dated Lancaster, 8<sup>th</sup> November, 1826, approving of the establishment of the present grand chapter and it's right to demand reasonable fees and dues, and in favour of a reduction of the fees and dues paid to the grand lodge, proportionable to those demanded by the grand chapter.

From lodge N<sup>o</sup> 60, dated Brownsville, 20<sup>th</sup> November, 1826, approving of the establishment of the present grand

chapter and its right to demand fees and dues, and in favour of a reduction of the fees and dues paid to the grand lodge, proportionable to those demanded by the grand chapter.

From lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 62, dated Reading, 27<sup>th</sup> November, 1826, approving of the establishment of the present grand chapter and the concession embraced in the resolution before the grand lodge.

From lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 106, dated Williamsport, Lycoming County, 10<sup>th</sup> October, 1826, approving of the resolution before the grand lodge, and instructing its officers to vote thereon in the affirmative.

From the officers and a number of the past masters of lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 123, dated York, 29<sup>th</sup> November, 1826, approving of the establishment of the present grand chapter, but disapproving of the resolution before the grand lodge, unless the lodges be furnished with grand chapter Warrants free of expense.

From one of the pastmasters of lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 123, dated York, 28<sup>th</sup> Novem., 1826, approving of the resolution before the grand lodge.

From lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 132, post marked Honeybrook, 2<sup>d</sup> December, 1826, disapproving of the resolution before the grand lodge and the principles on which the grand chapter was formed.

From lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 134, a circular letter, dated Philadelphia, 1st November, 1826, in reply to the circular letters addressed to the subordinate lodges by lodges N<sup>o</sup>. 21, Harrisburg and 138, Orwigsburg, and in favour of the resolution before the grand lodge.

From lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 138, a circular letter, dated Orwigsburg, 17<sup>th</sup> October, 1826, approving of the establishment of the present grand chapter and in favour of a reduction of the fees and dues paid to the grand lodge by the subordinate lodges constituted prior to the 5<sup>th</sup> January, 1824, proportionable to those demanded by the grand chapter.

From lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 143, dated Chambersburg, 10<sup>th</sup> November, 1826, approving of the establishment of the present grand chapter and of the resolution before the grand lodge, and instructing its officers to vote thereon by proxy in the affirmative.

From lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 156, dated Chestnut Level, Lancaster County, 1st November, 1826, approving of the establishment of the present grand chapter and its right to demand reasonable fees and dues, and in favour of a reduction of the fees and dues paid to the grand lodge, proportionable to those demanded by the grand chapter.

From lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 164, dated Washington, 13 November, 1826, authorizing its W. M. to appoint a proxy, instructed to oppose the resolution before the grand lodge.

From lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 174, dated Dowingtown, 28 October, 1826, disapproving of the resolution before the grand lodge and the concession any right vested in the subordinate lodges without their consent.

From lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 182, dated Mercer, 22<sup>d</sup> November, 1826, instructing its officers, members of the grand lodge, to vote on the resolution before that body in the affirmative.

From lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 194, dated Selin's grove, 25<sup>th</sup> November, 1826, stating that its officers, members of the grand lodge, were instructed to vote in the affirmative on the resolution before that body.

From lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 196, Mercersburg, 30<sup>th</sup> November, 1826, disapproving of the resolution before the grand lodge.

From Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 203, dated Mifflintown, 13 November, 1826, that it is inexpedient a grand chapter should be formed and that it will not agree to the concession of any right which the grand lodge has or had over the subordinate lodges.

Votes in writing, and proxies to vote on the resolution before the grand lodge, were received from the R. W. grand master, Bro. Jos. Randall, R. W. past grand master, and members of the grand lodge belonging to lodges N<sup>o</sup>. 2, 21, 22, 51, 52, 66, 67, 69, 70, 75, 81, 82, 91, 94, 106, 113, 121, 123, 126, 128, 132, 134, 136, 141, 143, 144, 159, 164, 168, 171, 173, 174, 178, 182, 192, 194, 195, 196, 197, 200, 202, 204 and 208 and were recognized.

On motion and seconded,

Resolved, That the communications from lodges N<sup>o</sup>. 43, 60, 62, 156 and 203 be, each of them, received and recognized as one vote in the affirmative or negative as may accord with the expressed views of those lodges respectively.



The question on the resolution before the grand lodge being now taken, it appeared that of seventy one members present, fifty four voted in the affirmative and seventeen in the negative; that of one hundred and twelve votes in writing, seventy one were in the affirmative and forty one in the negative; and that of forty nine votes by proxy, twenty seven were in the affirmative and twenty two in the negative; being altogether two hundred and thirty two votes of which one hundred and fifty two were in the Affirmative and eighty in the Negative. So the resolution was adopted in the words following, viz:

Resolved, that the constitution of the grand holy royal arch chapter, so far as it authorizes the grand chapter to make rules and regulations for the government of H. R. A. Masonry and thereby confers the power to receive fees for granting warrants to holy royal arch chapters within their jurisdiction and for other services, be and the same is hereby approved and confirmed.

On motion and seconded,

Resolved, that the grand secretary be directed to transmit to every subordinate lodge, under this jurisdiction, a copy of the proceedings of this communication in relation to the constitution of the grand H. R. A. Chapter, and of the resolutions and propositions submitted by the grand committee which met in Philadelphia, on the 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, and 28<sup>th</sup> February, 1823, under the sanction of this gr<sup>d</sup>. lodge and approved at the quarterly communication held on the 3<sup>d</sup> March following.

The grand lodge adjourned in harmony at ten o'clock in the evening to meet on the 18<sup>th</sup> inst. at six P. M.

SAM<sup>L</sup>. H. THOMAS,  
Grand Secretary.

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PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 18 December, A. D. 1826, A. L. 5826.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Quarterly Communication.

Present :

BRO. SAM<sup>L</sup>. BADGER, R. W. Deputy grand master, In the Chair.

- " M. Nisbet, R. W. Dep<sup>y</sup>. grand master, p. t.
- " John Steele, Jr., R. W. Senior grand warden, p. t.
- " A. Fannen, R. W. Junior grand warden, p. t.
- " Jno. Pearce, R. W. Grand Treasurer, p. t.
- " Sam<sup>L</sup> H. Thomas, R. W. Grand Secretary.
- " A. Mason, Senior grand deacon, p. t.
- " E. T. Weaver, Junior grand deacon, p. t.
- " D. Nathans, Grand Pursuivant.
- " Benj<sup>n</sup>. Allen, } Grand Chaplains.
- " G. T. Bedell, }

Lodges Nos. 2, 51, 52, 67, 91, 71, 114, 115, 121, 126, 130, 131, 134, 158, 186, 187 and 201 represented.

Seventeen lodges being represented, the grand lodge was opened in due form at Six o'clock in the evening.

A petition was received from a number of brethren praying for a Warrant to hold a lodge at McConnel Burg in the county of Bedford, and nominating as first officers thereof Bro. Andrew Lindsay as W. M.; George Denig, S. W., and Samuel Duffield, as J. W.

And the said petition being in due form and recommended agreeably to the rules and regulations of the grand lodge,

On motion and seconded,

Resolved, that a Warrant be granted as prayed for numbered two hundred and ten, the lodge to be called Mt. Zion.

The minutes of the quarterly communication held on the 4 September, 1826, and of the extra communication of the 8<sup>th</sup> November, were read and severally adopted.

Reports were received from the Committee on By-Laws on the by-laws of Lodges Nos. 72, 132, 134 and 210, and being read were severally adopted.

Reports were received and read from the Committee of Finance on the a/cs of the grand treasurer, grand secretary and Hall committee and an abstract of the receipts and payments of the grand lodge for the third quarter of 1826 ; on

the state of the sinking fund and on the a/cs of the grand secretary for the payment of the first masonic loan of \$40,000, and they were severally adopted.

The Comm<sup>e</sup> of Finance reported the following estimate of the receipts and payments of the grand lodge for 1827 and the resolutions thereunto subjoined, viz :

*Receipts.*

Rent for lower rooms of Hall, . . .	\$1,300
do. from Lodges, chapters, &c., . . .	1,800
	<hr/> \$3,100
Lighting lodge rooms and lower rooms, . . .	900
Dues from contrib <sup>r</sup> members of lodges, . . .	2,800
Initiation fees 135 @ \$7—400 at \$2.00, . . .	1,745
Warrants, 4 @ \$81, . . . . .	324
Dispensations, . . . . .	550
Certificates, . . . . .	30
	<hr/> <hr/> \$9,449

*Payments.*

Interest on loans, . . . . .	\$4,550
G. Sec <sup>ry</sup> 's Salary, Stationery, &c., . . .	800
Grand Tyler's Salary, &c., . . . . .	200
Hall Comm <sup>e</sup> including gas, . . . . .	1,000
Grand Lecturer, . . . . .	700
	<hr/> 7,250
Surplus applicable to sinking fund, . . .	<hr/> <hr/> \$2,199

Resolved, that the sum of \$5,550 be and is hereby appropriated for the payment of interest, grand secretary's salary, printing, stationery and postage, grand tyler's salary, &c., and that the grand secretary draw on the grand treasurer for the same.

Resolved, that the sum of \$1,000 be and is hereby appropriated for the use of the Hall Committee, including the expense of making Gas, and that the Hall committee draw on the grand treasurer for the same.

On motion and seconded, the above report was adopted.

The grand secretary presented a report in detail of the debts and credits of the grand lodge as adjusted on her books 27 December, 1825, and of the revenue which accrued between the 27<sup>th</sup> December, 1824 and 27<sup>th</sup> December, 1825, per following abstracts, and the said report being read, it was adopted.

Abstract of debts and credits 27 Dec., 1825.

*Credits.*

Due from lodges, chapters and Encampments in the City and County of Philad <sup>a</sup> . and elsewhere, of which, it is estimated that \$7,500 will have been received at the close of the present year and that about \$5,000 are of doubtful recovery, the principal part thereof being due from lodges whose warrants have been suspended or vacated, leaving about \$2,775 for outstanding arrears that will be recovered, . . . . .	\$15,275.39
Rents outstanding for lower rooms of the Hall, . . . . .	370.
D. D. grand Masters, balances due from them, . . . . .	140.97
Perpetual Insurances, deposits for premium, . . . . .	1,500.
Ahiman Rezon, . . . . .	962.40
Grand Lecturers, advances to them, . . . . .	160.
Masonic Hall, estimated at, . . . . .	51,836.46
Sinking Fund, . . . . .	12,939.15
Money in the treasury, . . . . .	2,857.91
Total, . . . . .	<u>\$86,042.28</u>

*Debts.*

Lodges, that have paid in advance, . . . . .	\$12.75
J. Kingsbery, dis <sup>t</sup> dep <sup>y</sup> . grand master, . . . . .	4.56
Masonic loans, . . . . .	79,000.
Gas manufactory, balance of profit, . . . . .	238.26
Lafayette Comm <sup>e</sup> . of arrangements, . . . . .	8.92
Stockholders of the loans, unclaimed dividends of interest, . . . . .	500.
Grand Lodge, balance in her favour, . . . . .	6,276.79
Total, . . . . .	<u>\$86,042.28</u>

Revenue which *accrued* from 27<sup>th</sup> Decem., 1824 to 27<sup>th</sup> Decem., 1825, viz :

From Dues and Initiation fees, . . . . .	\$5,118.94
Rents, . . . . .	3,201.96
Dispensations, . . . . .	540.
Warrants, . . . . .	405.
Certificates, . . . . .	40.
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	\$9,305.90

Charges thereon for same period.

General expense acc <sup>t</sup> . . . . .	\$1,533.38
Interest, . . . . .	4,013.12
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	\$5,547.
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	\$3,758.90

Excess in favour of the grand lodge of which there have been carried to profit and loss a/c for bad debts which accrued prior to the opening of the books on 27<sup>th</sup> Decem., 1823, \$1,383.14, and for so much lost in its transmission from lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 108, Wysox, . \$14.00  
less error in a/cs of

Hall Comm <sup>e</sup> . . . . .	1	
	<hr/>	\$1399
		1,400.13

Nett excess of accrued revenue for 1825 over charges thereon, . . . . . \$2,358.77

Brothers Gowen and S. H. Thomas having been authorized by lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 61 at Wilkes Barre, to negotiate a final settlement and discharge of all the pecuniary matters between that lodge and the grand lodge,

On motion of the Committee of Finance,

Resolved, that the offer on behalf of lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 61, to purchase with two hundred dollars the annual annuity of forty dollars which it had agreed to pay to the grand lodge until its debt thereto should be wholly liquidated, be and the same is hereby accepted and that the grand secretary be directed to close the account of said lodge on the books of the grand

lodge to the 27<sup>th</sup> inst. inclusive, provided that the said sum of two hundred dollars shall be paid forthwith.

A petition was received and read from a number of the members of late lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 163, dated Towanda, 24<sup>th</sup> August, 1826, praying for a revival of the warrant in favour of the petitioners and nominating for officers Bro. Geo. Scott as W. M.; Joseph C. Powell as S. W., and John Fox as J. W.

The petitioners give satisfactory explanations in relation to the part they had in the proceedings which led to the vacation of their warrant and the subsequent expulsion by the grand lodge of five of their members and offer to pay the sums to the grand lodge they severally owe, as also the balances due from members who do not sign the petition, as they are selected members of the revived lodge.

On motion and seconded,

Resolved, that the prayer of the petition be granted on the terms stated therein.

A letter was received and read from Matt<sup>w</sup>. M. Kelly, W. M., named on the warrant granted 1824, numbered 199, stating the inability of the brethren who petitioned therefor to procure the needful pecuniary means to establish a lodge.

On motion and seconded,

Resolved, that the grand secretary be directed to cancel the Warrant N<sup>o</sup>. 199.

The petition for a Warrant to hold a lodge at Kensington, laid on the table at the meeting of the 4<sup>th</sup> December inst., was called up for consideration and underwent some discussion, when

On motion and seconded,

Resolved, that any further consideration of said petition be postponed to a future meeting.

A report was received and read from the committee which was app<sup>d</sup> on the 5 June, 1826, on the appeal of Gawin Henry from a vote of expulsion against him by lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 21, Harrisburg. By the said report it appears that Gawin Henry was refused a copy of the charges against him, and was expelled without a hearing or opportunity for defence.

After having been amended by the addition of the following resolution it was adopted :

Resolved, that the expulsion of Gawin Henry by lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 21 on the 10<sup>th</sup> November, 1824, be and the same is hereby declared null and of no effect.

A joint and several bond of Robert Toland and Henry Toland to Thomas Kittera and others, dated 30<sup>th</sup> June, 1826, in the penal sum of six thousand dollars for Rob. Tolands faithful performance of his duties as grand treasurer was presented and ordered to be filed.

The Committee of Correspondence reported that they had examined the communications of the proceedings of the grand lodges of South Carolina for 1824 @ 1825, of North Carolina for 1824, of Kentucky, Missouri, Tennessee, Vermont, Alabama, Indiana, Rhode Island and New Hampshire for 1825, and of Virginia, New Jersey, District of Columbia and Maine for 1825 and 1826 and of Ohio, Mississippi, Maryland, Illinois, Delaware, Georgia and Nova Scotia for 1826 ; that the grand lodges of Delaware, Tennessee and Missouri approve of the decision of this grand lodge in relation to the proceedings of the grand lodge of Maine and that the grand lodge of New Jersey approved of the proposition of the grand lodge of Pennsylvania to hold an occasional convention of delegates from the different grand lodges of the United States. The committee notice that all the communications before them prove the continued prosperity of the order and a strict adherence to the ancient land marks of the order.

The report being read was adopted.

A memorial was received from a number of the officers of the R. A. Chapters, setting forth the difficulties under which the R. A. Masons suffer by reason of the rent charged for the Chapter room and the advantages that would accrue from a reduction of the charge and praying that the Rent may be reduced and its collection be placed under such regulations as will secure to the grand lodge its punctual discharge, and also that a compromise be made with those chapters which are now in arrears.

On motion and seconded, the said memorial was referred

to a Committee consisting of Brothers McAlpin, Gowen and Hopkins.

On motion of the Committee of Finance,

Resolved, that the sum of eleven hundred dollars be and the same are hereby appropriated to the use of the Hall Committee for extra expenses incurred within the present year and that the same be drawn for under the usual restrictions.

An account of Thomas S. Manning, amounting to \$8 $\frac{83}{100}$  for stationery furnished to the grand treasurer, was presented and ordered to be allowed for in the latter's account.

On motion and seconded,

Resolved, that the Hall Committee be authorized to procure any number of Chairs not exceeding five dozen for the use and accommodation of the refreshment room.

The following Returns and communications were received from the subordinate lodges and District deputy grand masters and ordered to be filed, viz :

T. H. Crawford, D. D. G. M., 4<sup>th</sup> District. Return of dispensations in the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>d</sup> quarter, 1826.

James Kelton, D. D. G. M., 7<sup>th</sup> District. Return of dispensation issued in 1826.

Henry Lenhart, D. D. G. M., 8<sup>th</sup> District. Return of dispensations during the 3<sup>d</sup> quarter.

Thomas Burnside, D. D. G. M., 9<sup>th</sup> District. Return of dispens<sup>ns</sup>. during 3<sup>d</sup> quarter, 1826.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 67, Philad<sup>a</sup>. Rejection of H—— D——, 2nd time.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 84, Somerset. Election return, 1819.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 107, Kaskaskia. Return of members from 27 Decem<sup>r</sup>, 1822 to 1 November, 1826.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 113, Pittsburg. Election return, 1812.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 132, Honeybrook, P. O. Election return, 1812 and 1817.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 146, Meadville. Return of election held 18 July, 1826, by dispensation from the grand master.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 152, Easton. Return of election held Decem., 1818.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 185, Braintrim, Luzerne Co. Votes of the Master and Wardens on the resolution concerning the constitution of the grand H. R. A. Chapter decided at the last meeting of the grand lodge.



Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 196, Mercersburg. Rejection of J—— C——.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 207, Brooklyn, Susqueh<sup>a</sup>. C<sup>y</sup>. Return to dispensation to constitute shewing that the lodge was constituted the 23<sup>d</sup> August 1826.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 208, Landisburg. Impression of the Seal.

The grand lodge closed in harmony at half past 8 o'clock,  
P. M. SAM<sup>L</sup>. H. THOMAS,  
Grand Sec<sup>y</sup>.

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PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, 27 December, A. D. 1826, A. L. 5826.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, General Grand Communication.

Present :

Bro. THOMAS KITTERA, R. W. Grand Master.

“ Sam<sup>L</sup> Badger, R. W. Deputy Grand Mas.

“ Michael Nisbet, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

“ Henry Benner, R. W. Junior grand Warden, p. t.

“ Robert Toland, R. W. Grand Treasurer.

“ Sam<sup>L</sup> H. Thomas, R. W. Grand Secretary.

“ John M. Read, Senior grand deacon.

“ John Scott, Junior grand deacon.

“ Josiah Randall,

“ James Harper, } Past grand Masters.

“ Bayse Newcomb, }

Lodges Nos. 52, 71, 91, 114, 121, 126, 130, 131 and 134 represented.

Nine lodges being represented, the grand lodge was opened in ample form at 9½ o'clock, A. M.

So much of the minutes of the last quarterly grand communication as relate to the election of grand officers being read and all the brethren present being pastmasters.

Bro. Thomas Kittera, was installed R. W. Grd. Master.

“ Sam<sup>L</sup> Badger, R. W. Deputy Gr<sup>d</sup>. Master.

“ Michael Nisbet, R. W. Senior Grd. Warden.

“ Robert Toland, R. W. Grand Treasurer.

“ Sam<sup>L</sup> H. Thomas, R. W. Grand Secretary.

and being severally proclaimed, they received the accustomed and cordial salutations of the brethren.

Returns from the following Lodges were received, read and ordered to be filed, Viz :

N<sup>o</sup> 67, Philadelphia. General Return, 1826. Suspended  
n. p. d., F—— H——, T—— W——, A—— B.  
C——, R—— S——, A—— M——; expelled,  
W—— K——; Rejected, H—— D——.

N<sup>o</sup> 3, Philadelphia. General Return, 1826.

N<sup>o</sup> 114, Philadelphia. General Return, 1826.

N<sup>o</sup> 158, Philadelphia. General Return, 1826. Expelled,  
n. p. d., J—— W——.

N<sup>o</sup> 186, Philadelphia. General Return, 1826. Expelled,  
n. p. d., S—— B——.

On motion and seconded,

Resolved, that the members composing the Hall Committee hereafter shall consist of no more than three brethren.

Resolved, that the Gas establishment be placed under the care of a Comm<sup>e</sup> or of a superintendent as may be by the R. W. Grand Master be deemed most expedient.

A Report was received from Bro. David Nathans, late grand Lecturer detailing his proceedings under the app<sup>t</sup> of Bro. James Harper, late R. W. Grand Master.

On motion and seconded, the said Report was referred to the R. W. the grand officers for examination and report.

The death of our respected Brother Walter Kerr, Esquire, late R. W. Past grand Master being announced.

On motion and seconded, the following Preamble and Resolution were unanimously adopted :

Whereas, this grand lodge entertains the highest respect for the memory of our deceased Brother Walter Kerr, Esq<sup>r</sup>, late R. W. Past grand Master and feels grateful for many essential services rendered by him to the fraternity in the various situations he has filled, therefore

Resolved, that the Jewels, Hangings and other furniture of the grand lodge, be placed in mourning for the space of six months, as a testimonial of respect for the memory of our

deceased Brother Walter Kerr, Esq<sup>r</sup>, late R. W. Past grand Master.

The grand lodge closed in harmony at 10 o'clock, A. M.

SAM<sup>L</sup>. H. THOMAS,  
Grand Sec<sup>y</sup>.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> March, A. D. 1827, A. L. 5827.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present :

Bro. SAMUEL BADGER, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, In the Chair.

- " Michael Nisbet, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, p. t.
  - " Emmor T. Weaver, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, p. t.
  - " John Steele, Jr., R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
  - " Robert Toland, R. W. Grand Treasurer.
  - " Samuel H. Thomas, R. W. Grand Secretary.
  - " Sam<sup>L</sup>. H. Perkins, R. W. Deputy Grand Secretary.
  - " John K. Kane, Grand Marshal.
  - " B. T. Neal, Senior Grand Deacon, p. t.
  - " Joseph R. Hopkins, Junior Grand Deacon.
  - " David Nathans, Grand Pursuivant.
  - " R. U. Morgan, Grand Chaplain.
  - " Sam<sup>L</sup> F. Bradford,
  - " James Harper,
  - " Josiah Randall,
- } R. W. Past Grand Masters.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 51, 52, 59, 67, 69, 71, 72, 84, 91, 102, 113, 114, 115, 121, 125, 126, 128, 130, 131, 134, 151, 152, 155, 158, 160, 159, 165, 168, 172, 173, 174, 176, 186, 187 and 201 represented.

Thirty nine lodges being represented, the grand lodge was opened in due form at half past six o'clock in the evening.

On motion and seconded, a number of visitors were admitted.

The minutes of the quarterly communication of the 4<sup>th</sup> December, 1826, of the adjourned quarterly communication

of the 18<sup>th</sup> December, 1826, and of the general grand communication of the 27<sup>th</sup> December, 1826, were read and severally adopted.

A communication was received from lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 138, dated Orwigsburg, 17 October, 1826, revoking its proxy to Bro. James A. Mahany to represent that lodge in the grand lodge.

A communication from Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 151, dated Allentown, 13 May, 1826, was received and read whereby it appeared that Bro. James Gowen, W. M. of N<sup>o</sup>. 51, was appointed proxy of that lodge.

On motion and seconded,

Resolved, that Bro. James Gowen be recognized as the proxy of lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 151, in the grand lodge.

The Committee of Finance presented a report on the a/cs of the Grand Treasurer, on the a/cs of the Grand Secretary and the Hall Committee for the fourth quarter of 1826, which being read were adopted.

The Committee of Finance also presented an abstract of the receipts and payments of the grand lodge for the fourth quarter of 1826, and the following Abstract of the receipts and payments of the grand lodge for the year 1826, and the same being read were ordered to be filed :

Abstract of the Receipts and Payments of the grand lodge for the year ending 27<sup>th</sup> December, 1826 :

*Receipts.*

Lodge Dues, City and County,	. \$4,697.75	
Elsewhere,	. . 3,505.31	
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		\$8,203.06
Rent of Lower rooms of the Hall,	. . . . .	815.
Dispensations,	. . . . .	766.47
Warrants,	. . . . .	399.
Certificates,	. . . . .	8.
Deposit of A. Bonaffon as security for the performance of his lease,	. . . . .	600.
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		<u>\$10,791.53</u>

*Payments.*

Trustees of the Sinking Fund, . . . .	\$2,600.
Interest to Stockholders, . . . .	4,983.
Grand Secretary's Salary, . . . .	\$500
do. as Sec <sup>y</sup> . Trustees Loans, . . . .	150
do. allowance printing, . . . .	150
	800.
Grand Tyler's Salary, &c., &c., . . . .	189.50
Hall Committee, . . . .	\$495.92
do. for gas establish <sup>t</sup> , . . . .	917.57
	1,413.49
Seal Press, . . . .	80.
Trustees gas loan, . . . .	600.
Executors Bern <sup>d</sup> . Dahlgren,	
For balance of a / c due him, . . . .	521.96
do. Extra Service as G <sup>d</sup> . Sec <sup>y</sup> ., . . . .	300.
Blank book for Treasurer, . . . .	8.63
Grand Lecturer, . . . .	600.
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An account was received from the Trustees of the Sinking Fund of their Receipts and Payments for 1826 and on motion and seconded, it was referred to the Committee of Finance for examination and report.

The Grand Officers to whom was referred the Report of the Grand Lecturer reported as follows :

"That they have examined the grand lecturers report and have every reason to be satisfied that he discharged the duties of his appointment with ability and zeal, and with fidelity to the important trusts which were confided to him."

On motion and seconded, the above report was adopted.

The Report of the grand lecturer is as follows, viz :

To the R. W. Grand Master of the grand lodge of Pennsylvania :

The lecturer appointed for the second general visit of instruction to the lodges located beyond the City and County of Philadelphia has performed the duties which were assigned

him by the R. W. Past grand master Bro. James Harper, and now has the honour to report the annexed sketch of his progress and the state of the lodges he visited.

N<sup>o</sup>. 136, Abington, Mont<sup>g</sup>. C<sup>y</sup>., 1825, Novem. 8. The lecturer left Philad<sup>a</sup> and arrived this day at Abington or Moorestown. In consequence of the non receipt of his notice by the W. M. the lodge was not congregated, nor could any examination of the minutes be made as the Secretary had not the book with him.

N<sup>o</sup>. 195, Beans Tavern, Mont<sup>y</sup>. C<sup>y</sup>. now located at Hatborough, 1825, Novem. 28 @ 29. The lodge was congregated and lectures were delivered on the evening of the 29<sup>th</sup> when all the members were present. This is a new lodge and has but few members, who are however, very attentive to, and zealous in, the discharge of their Masonic duties.

N<sup>o</sup>. 168, Doylestown, Bucks C<sup>y</sup>., 1825, Novem. 30. Met the lodge and delivered lectures on the evening of this day. Its affairs appeared to be prosperous and its members to increase.

N<sup>o</sup>. 94, New Hope, Bucks County, 1825, Decem. 1. The Secretary being a resident of a distant town, the lecturers summons to congregate the lodge had not been received. The Master and a few of the members assembled in the lodge room and received private instruction. Although this lodge is on a far better footing than it was some years since, it still labours under the disadvantage of being largely indebted to the grand lodge, but from the spirit which is exhibited by the present leading members, there is not much doubt that the existing balance of their debt will be speedily liquidated and that the lodge will continue to flourish with increased activity.

N<sup>o</sup>. 152, Easton, Northampton C<sup>y</sup>., 1825, Decem. 3. Visited and delivered lectures to this lodge in the evening. The members are increasing and appear to have been attentive to their masonic duties and correct in their work.

A lodge opposite Easton, in the state of New Jersey, mainly supported by the masons of that town has been some hindrance to the progress of N<sup>o</sup>. 152.

N<sup>o</sup>. 201, Mauch Chunk, Northampton C<sup>y</sup>., 1825, Decem. 5.

This lodge was visited and instructed in the morning and evening of this day. Although of recent establishment it is in a very flourishing and promising condition, and it's labours are conducted under very strict regulations. This is the more satisfactory, for being located on the property of the Lehigh Coal and Navigation company which affords employment to a numerous population in the neighbourhood, a bad example would be particularly pernicious. N<sup>o</sup> 61, Wilkes Barre, 1825. Decem. 8 to the 11<sup>th</sup>. The lecturer visited and delivered lectures to this lodge three times during his sojourn in Wilkes Barre. From various causes, some of which are well known to the grand lodge, the lodge in this place, the parent of masonry in the northern counties, with numerous members of great respectability is now reduced to a most deplorable state of pecuniary distress. Were it extricated from this difficulty through the kind indulgence of the grand lodge, there is no doubt that it would be one of the best and most flourishing lodges under her jurisdiction.

N<sup>o</sup> 179, Coolbaughs, Pike County, 1825, Decem. 14. This lodge was twice visited. It appears to have been in rather a declining state, a number of the members having withdrawn to join lodges in New Jersey whose places have not been supplied by others.

N<sup>o</sup> 177, Delaware, Pike County, 1825, Decem. 15<sup>th</sup>. This lodge has few members, who have not performed any labours since the preceeding visitation. There appears to have been an undue want of attention to the meetings.

82, Milford, Pike County, 1825, Decem. 16. The Warrant of this lodge having been but recently revived after a temporary suspension, arising out of an ancient pecuniary difficulty with the grand lodge, it is only necessary to remark that its prospects of success are fair and that its members are earnest in promoting the objects of the institution.

147, Bethany, Wayne C<sup>y</sup>. 1825, Decem. 19. This lodge was visited twice. A Hall has been erected for masonic purposes exclusively but not yet finished. The Lodge is flourishing but somewhat depressed by pecuniary debts, which might be early liquidated by the application of due energy.

83, Damascus, Wayne County, 1825, Decem. 21. For a long time this lodge was without a meeting. Its Warrant having been recently revived every disposition is shewn to work under it with credit. The members are few in number and are governed by a very zealous and worthy mason to whose exertions they are much indebted.

119, Gibson, Susquehanna C<sup>y</sup>. 1825, Decem. 23. The members of this lodge have decreased within the last two or three years; those who remain have made great exertions to effect the liquidation of a large debt due to the grand lodge, of long standing. When this object shall be attained it is highly probable that the lodge will increase in members and flourish.

N<sup>o</sup>. 149, Montrose, Susquehanna C<sup>y</sup>. 1825, Decem. 25 @ 27. The lecturer learnt on his arrival at Montrose that the Warrant of this lodge had been suspended for non-payment of dues. He had an interview with some of the members and others, who were formerly connected with the lodge and made diligent enquiry into its labours and proceedings which it clearly appeared had been very improperly conducted, so much so, as strongly to impress the lecturer with the opinion that it would be inexpedient to revive the Warrant. It is due to a respectable number of the masons at Montrose to state that they had abandoned their connection with the lodge on account of its gross irregularities and are anxious for the establishment of another lodge, whose labours they believe they can conduct in a manner befitting the institution and satisfactory to the grand lodge.

N<sup>o</sup>. 204, Tunkhannock, Luzerne Co<sup>y</sup>. 1825, Decem. 27 @ 29. This lodge is of recent establishment. It has been well attended by its members, who are zealous to promote the prosperity of the craft in their neighbourhood.

N<sup>o</sup>. 185, Braintrim, Luzerne Co<sup>y</sup>. 1825, Dec. 29 a Jan<sup>y</sup>. 1, 1826. The minutes of this lodge have been loosely kept. From the examination and inquiries made by the lecturer, it appears that its labours and proceedings in some important respects were irregular. Some of these have already subjected it to the special animadversion of the grand lodge, but it is



hoped there will be no recurrence of them. The members of the lodge appear to have been zealous and constant in their attendance on the lodge, which is increasing in members.

N<sup>o</sup>. 108, Wysox, Bradford C<sup>y</sup>., 1826, Jan<sup>y</sup>. 1st @ 5<sup>th</sup>. This lodge has but few members and has of late years but few accessions. Its members have been attentive and zealous in the performance of their masonic duties and labours.

N<sup>o</sup>. 70, Athens, Bradford C<sup>y</sup>., 1826, Jan<sup>y</sup>. 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. Although this lodge has declined in members and has not had much work to perform for several years its members are zealous and its labours have been well conducted under its presiding officer, Bro. Jos. Kingsbery, R. W. District Deputy Grand Master, who has presided in this lodge several years and has contributed much to its support against various and powerful discouragements which have reduced Masonry in Bradford County to a low ebb.

N<sup>o</sup>. 150, Troy, Bradford C<sup>y</sup>., 1826, Jan. 7 @ 11<sup>th</sup>. The labours and proceedings of this lodge have been very irregular. The lecturer has serious doubts whether the members have the ability to conduct them in a manner that will be satisfactory to the grand lodge; they promised him however, that they would follow the instructions and advice, which he gave them in relation to their moral and masonic duties at five several meetings.

N<sup>o</sup>. 189, Wellsboro,' Tioga C<sup>y</sup>., 1826, Jan<sup>y</sup>. 11. This lodge has not had many labours to perform since its establishment in 1824; the members are zealous and attentive and the affairs of the lodge appear to have been continuously and prudently conducted.

N<sup>o</sup>. 106, Williamsport, Lycoming Co., 1826, Jan<sup>y</sup>. 15 @ 18. The lecturer visited and delivered Lectures to this lodge in the afternoon and evening of the 16<sup>th</sup> and evening of the 17<sup>th</sup>. The lodge is numerous and flourishing and promises to continue so; its labours and proceedings appear to have been correct.

N<sup>o</sup>. 144, Milton, Northumb<sup>d</sup>. C<sup>y</sup>., 1826, Jan<sup>y</sup>. 18 @ 21. This lodge was visited several times when lectures were delivered. The members are attentive but not numerous.

N<sup>o</sup>. 194, New Berlin, Union Co<sup>y</sup>. 1826, Jan<sup>y</sup>. 21 @ 24<sup>th</sup>. This lodge is in a very flourishing condition and has had a considerable accession of members since it was constituted. They pay considerable attention to their masonic duties and are earnest to conform to the regulations of the grand lodge.

N<sup>o</sup>. 22, Sunbury, Northumb<sup>d</sup>. Co<sup>y</sup>. 1826, Jan<sup>y</sup>. 24 @ 25<sup>th</sup>. This lodge the third on the Registry of the grand lodge, was many years in a poor and declining state; it has recently revived and is now flourishing and prosperous.

N<sup>o</sup>. 148, Northumb<sup>d</sup>. North<sup>d</sup>. Co<sup>y</sup>. 1826, Jan<sup>y</sup>. 25 @ 26<sup>th</sup>. This lodge is in a miserable condition and its labours have been very loosely and improperly conducted. In the opinion of the lecturer the institution would be benefitted by depriving it of its Warrant.

N<sup>o</sup>. 159, Danville, Columbia Co<sup>y</sup>. 1826, Jan<sup>y</sup>. 26 @ 29<sup>th</sup>. The members of this lodge are few in number but desirous of promoting the objects of the institution. Their labours appear to have been tolerably correct.

N<sup>o</sup>. 138, Orwigsburg, Schuylkill Co<sup>y</sup>. 1826, Jan<sup>y</sup>. 30<sup>th</sup> @ 1 Feb<sup>y</sup>. The labours of this lodge of late years appear to have been conducted with great zeal and unusual correctness. The members are numerous and increasing.

62, Reading, 1826, Feb<sup>y</sup>. 1 @ 5<sup>th</sup>. The lecturer delivered instructions to this lodge several times during his stay in Reading. The present members are numerous and zealous and have materially benefitted the lodge and raised the character of the institution with the community by dissolving their masonic connection with many who were obnoxious to their by-laws. The lodge is now flourishing under the mastership of Bro. Isaac Hiester, Dist<sup>t</sup>. Deputy 6<sup>th</sup>. district.

No. 171, Pottstown, Montg<sup>y</sup>. Co<sup>y</sup>. 1826, Feb<sup>y</sup>. 5 @ 7. The affairs of this lodge and its character were a long time at a low ebb, but recently they have revived and the lodge may be now considered as flourishing.

N<sup>o</sup>. 75, Charleston, Chester Co<sup>y</sup>. 1826, Feb<sup>y</sup>. 7<sup>th</sup> @ 8<sup>th</sup>. This lodge is in good condition, its labours correct and its members numerous and zealous.

N<sup>o</sup>. 190, Norristown, Montgomery Co., 1826, Feb<sup>y</sup>. In con-

sequence of the lecturers notice to congregate not being received in due time the lodge could not be visited on this occasion.

N<sup>o</sup>. 183, Paoli, Chester Co<sup>y</sup>. 1826, May 10<sup>th</sup> @ 11<sup>th</sup>. The labours and proceedings of this lodge have been correct; the number of its members is however few and declining.

N<sup>o</sup>. 50, Westchester, Chester County, 1826, May 11<sup>th</sup>. The proceedings of this old and respectable lodge appear to have been in close conformity to the ancient usage of the order and the rules and regulations of the grand lodge. The members are numerous and zealous and have recently adopted measures preparatory to the erection of a building for masonic purposes exclusively.

N<sup>o</sup>. 162, New London X Roads, Chester C<sup>y</sup>. 1826, May 13. This lodge is prospering under the supervision of Bro. James Kelton, D. D. G. M. for the 7<sup>th</sup> district. Its members are numerous, attentive and zealous.

N<sup>o</sup>. 156, Chestnut Level, Lancaster Co<sup>y</sup>. 1826, May 15 @ 16. This lodge was a long time in a declining state, it has recently had a considerable accession of members.

N<sup>o</sup>. 123, York, York County, 1826, May 17. The lodge at York appears to be in an improving condition. Its members are numerous and attentive and its proceedings have been conducted with great regularity.

N<sup>o</sup>. 200, Gettysburg, Adams County, 1826, May 19 @ 22. This is a new lodge which has already many members who evince much zeal for the interests of the order. Their labours and proceedings appear to have been carefully and properly conducted.

N<sup>o</sup>. 197, Carlisle, Cumberland Co<sup>y</sup>. 1826, May 24 @ 25. This is also a new lodge which is in a very flourishing state and promises to do much towards extending a knowledge of the benefits of the fraternity in its neighbourhood, whence formerly, strong prejudices against the order generally prevailed arising from the unmasonic conduct of a lodge which met in Carlisle upwards of twenty years ago.

N<sup>o</sup>. 198, Shippensburg, Cumb<sup>d</sup>. C<sup>y</sup>. 1826, May 26 @ 27<sup>th</sup>. The members of this lodge, although but few in number are

attentive and zealous. The location of the lodge does not admit of so rapid an increase of members as in the large towns round about it.

N<sup>o</sup>. 143, Chambersburg, Franklin Cy., 1826, May 27. This lodge has been some years under the efficient superintending care of Bro. T. Hartley Crawford, R. W. District Deputy Grand Master for the 4<sup>th</sup> District, and appears to have flourished more than any other lodge in this State. In a brief period it has become the parent of numerous lodges in its vicinity and still retains a list of numerous members who do honour to the Craft by their zeal and attention in the performance of moral and masonic duties. A Hall of singular beauty has been recently completed at a considerable charge and does great credit to the spirit and enterprise of the members of this lodge.

N<sup>o</sup>. 202, Green Castle, Franklin Cy., 1826, May 30. This is a new lodge composed of but few members in whom care and attention to the duties of the lodge are not so apparent as in other lodges of this masonic district. Their labours and proceedings called forth many observations.

N<sup>o</sup>. 196, Mercersburg, Franklin Cy. 1826, May 31 @ June 1. This lodge, but recently established, appears to be increasing in members whom the lecturer found to be attentive and zealous.

N<sup>o</sup>. 84, Somerset, Somerset Cy., 1826, June 7 @ 8<sup>th</sup>. This lodge has now revived from a state of depression; its list of members is extending and they possess zeal and enterprise. A Hall is about to be built for masonic purposes.

N<sup>o</sup>. 64, Greensburg, Westmoreland Cy. 1826, June 10 @ 12. This lodge has many members, but a majority of them appear to be deficient in a due attendance at the stated meetings. It is in rather a declining state but requires only a little more attention of the members to enable it to flourish.

N<sup>o</sup>. 176, Mt. Pleasant, Westmoreland Co<sup>y</sup>. 1826, June 13 @ 14. The members of this lodge are few in number but careful, attentive and zealous in the performance of their masonic duties.

N<sup>o</sup>. 60, Brownsville, Fayette Cy. 1826, June 15 @ 16.

This lodge meets in its own Hall and is in a prospering and thriving condition. Its members are zealous and attentive and it is a remarkable fact that they have no less than 19 times elected the same brother to be their Worshipful Master.

N<sup>o</sup>. 180, Jefferson, Greene County, 1826, June 19. The members of this lodge attend it with regularity and appear to have conducted their labours with care and zeal.

N<sup>o</sup>. 153, Waynesburg, Greene C<sup>y</sup>. 1826, June 21. The members of this lodge meet in the Court House. It is in rather a declining state and its proceedings do not appear to have been conducted with that care and attention to details which ought to characterize masonic bodies.

N<sup>o</sup>. 164, Washington, Wash<sup>g</sup>. C<sup>y</sup>. 1826, June 27 @ 28. This lodge meets in its own Hall and has a list of numerous and efficient members who appear to have been careful and zealous in the performance of their labours and in the fulfilment of the objects of the fraternity.

N<sup>o</sup>. 45, 113 and 165, Pittsburg.

N<sup>o</sup>. 173, Laurenceville, near Pittsburg, 1826, June 30 @ July 24. These lodges are in a thriving and flourishing condition and the lecturer has had much reason to be gratified with the attention that was paid to his instructions delivered and repeated in the course of seventeen meetings summoned for the purpose of receiving his official visits.

The plan of work followed in three of these lodges has been conformable to the antient land marks of the order. In the fourth modern innovations had gained admission, which, the lecturer has reason to believe, have been wholly expunged from the work of that lodge.

Zeal and attention to masonic duties, preëminently characterize the masons of Pittsburg and its vicinity.

N<sup>o</sup>. 182, Mercer, Mercer County, 1826, July 27. This lodge was visited three times. It appears to be in a declining state and its members to stand much in need of instruction. The Lodge being held in an unsafe place, the lecturer caused it to be removed and it is now held in the house of the respectable W. M.

N<sup>o</sup>. 146, Meadville, Crawford C<sup>y</sup>. 1826, August 1 @ 2<sup>d</sup>.

The lecturer hearing that the Warrant of this lodge had been revived since he left Philadelphia, visited it and delivered instructions at seven several meetings. The members evince much zeal since the revival of their Warrant, and the lodge bids fair to flourish once more.

N<sup>o</sup>. 184, Fairview, Erie County, 1826, August 4. This lodge stood in need of much instruction. It now appears to be in a prosperous way. A suspension of the meetings of the lodge was recommended until a safer and more suitable room could be provided than the one now occupied in the School House or until *that* could be put in proper order.

N<sup>o</sup>. 192, Bellefonte, Centre County, 1826, Sept. 8 @ 12. This lodge was congregated and instructed by the lecturer several times. It is in a thriving state and its members are numerous and zealous. Bro. T. Burnside, R. W. District Deputy Grand Master, has presided in this place over the Craft, since the lodge first was constituted. A building has been recently purchased for masonic purposes only.

N<sup>o</sup>. 178, Huntingdon, 1826, Sept. 18 @ 19. The members of this lodge are numerous and it appears to be thriving.

N<sup>o</sup>. 203, Mifflin, Mifflin County, 1826, Sept. 22 @ 23. This lodge meets in a room so very unsafe that the lecturer recommended a suspension of the meetings until another room could be procured. This lodge does not appear to have been prospering so much as other new lodges in its vicinity. There has been evidently a want of due attention and care in the admission of new members and its labours and proceedings in other respects do not appear to have been properly conducted.

N<sup>o</sup>. 208, Landisburg, Perry County, 1826, Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> @ 27<sup>th</sup>. This lodge had been constituted but two or three months before the lecturer's arrival. It bids fair to be prosperous; the members are full of zeal and have been so far very correct in their labours and proceedings.

N<sup>o</sup>. 141, Halifax, Dauphin County, 1826, Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> @ 29<sup>th</sup>. The labours of this lodge stand in need of much correction. Being located in a remote situation very few of the members appear to be sufficiently qualified to conduct the labours of the lodge as they ought to be. Here also it became necessary

to recommend a suspension of the meetings of the Lodge until a suitable room could be procured. The Lodge is now erecting a Hall for its own use.

N<sup>o</sup>. 21, Harrisburg, Dauphin Cy., 1826, Octo. 2<sup>d</sup> and 6. This lodge appears to be on the increase. Its labours have been correct yet some of the proceedings as spread on the minutes required notice. With proper attention of the members who appear to be very zealous, this lodge might thrive as much as any under the jurisdiction of the grand lodge.

N<sup>o</sup>. 172, Lebanon, Lebanon Co<sup>y</sup>., 1826, Oct. 6 @ 9<sup>th</sup>. The members of this lodge are numerous, zealous and attentive; their labours required considerable correction, and instruction was given to them at four several meetings which the lecturer attended.

N<sup>o</sup>. 46, Lititz, Lancaster County, 1826, Oct. 11 @ 13. The officer and members of this lodge stood in need of the instruction which was given to them at two meetings which the lecturer attended. The lodge had been many years in a very low state but since its recent removal to Lititz it has somewhat revived.

N<sup>o</sup>. 116, Marietta, Lancaster Co<sup>y</sup>., 1826, Oct. 14 @ 16. The lodge room and furniture were in good order, but in almost every other particular there was ground for complaint. The labours and proceedings of this lodge have been badly conducted and unless amended will require the direct interference of the grand lodge.

It became necessary to order that a fair transcript of the minutes should be made.

1826, Octo. 17 @ 18, N<sup>o</sup>. 169, Columbia, Lancaster Co<sup>y</sup>. The labours of this lodge appear to have been conducted in a loose, careless and improper manner judging from the minutes, which although in many parts scarcely legible, record a number of unmasonic proceedings.

N<sup>o</sup>. 43, Lancaster, Lancaster Co<sup>y</sup>. The Lecturer arrived in Lancaster on Thursday the 19 October. The W. M. of the Lodge refused to submit its minute book for inspection, alledging that the credentials exhibited to him by the lecturer did not authorize that proceeding and having in other respects

evinced a disposition to cavil and raise frivolous objections the lecturer determined not to visit the lodge in an other than his private capacity as a member of the lodge to which he has the honour to belong.

N<sup>o</sup>. 104, New Holland, Lancaster County, 1826, October 14. The members of this lodge were so circumstanced at the time of the lecturers visit as not to be able to assemble. The minutes were examined and such observations made thereon and instructions given to the master and a few of the members as appeared to be necessary.

N<sup>o</sup>. 132, Waynesburg, Chester Co<sup>y</sup>. 1826, Octo. 28. This lodge appears to be in a declining state. There has been but one initiation since the visit of the lecturers predecessor.

N<sup>o</sup>. 66, Morgantown, Berks County, 1826, October 30. The labours and proceedings of this lodge have been generally well conducted. Its members appear to be zealous and attentive.

N<sup>o</sup>. 174, Downingston, Chester Cy., 1826, Novem. 7. This lodge meets in its own Hall. The members are very zealous and attentive and have conducted their labours and proceedings with great propriety.

N<sup>o</sup>. 142, Humphreysville, Chester Co<sup>y</sup>. 1826, Novem. 9. The labours and proceedings of this lodge have been well conducted. The lodge is flourishing and its members are numerous.

N<sup>o</sup>. 69, Chester, Delaware Cy., 1826, December 9<sup>th</sup>. This was the last lodge visited by the lecturer and he feels much gratification in being enabled to state that it continues to conduct its labours with that zeal and correctness which have on former occasions elicited the remarks of the presiding officers of the grand lodge.

In presenting this concise view of the state of each lodge visited by the lecturer he may be permitted to remark that in the aggregate, the country lodges under this jurisdiction are highly prosperous and exhibit considerable improvement since the last visits of his predecessors. A strong desire to promote the great ends of the institution very generally prevailed and it may be added that the brethren and the lodges



almost without exception were well satisfied with the parental administration of the regulations of the grand lodge.

In various instances some practices were discovered to have existed which appeared to the lecturer to be at variance with the ancient land marks and customs of the order and the ordinances of the grand lodge. These and other apparent errors of minor importance he has embraced in the following connected view which he submits to your attention with the preliminary observation, that but very few of his remarks are applicable to any one lodge, and none to a large majority of the lodges, many of which are so well perfected in the masonic art as to be more capable of giving than of receiving instruction.

1. Minutes and Records.

The minutes of a few lodges were very much scratched, blotted and otherwise defaced so as to be scarcely legible. They have been sometimes preserved on loose sheets of paper and at other times recorded with a pencil.

Secretaries frequently have omitted to sign their minutes; to state the time of opening and closing the lodge; the degree in which it had been opened; the nature of the meeting held, whether stated, adjourned or extra; the names of the officers, members and visitors present; the nature of a petition for membership, whether from a brother for admission or a candidate for initiation; the age, occupation and residence of the applicant; the names of the recommending brethren and the members of the committee of enquiry; the reasons assigned for the suspension or expulsion of a brother; the nature of reports received from Committees or of communications from the grand lodge and to copy the reports of the lecturers.

Degrees have been conferred on persons and members have been expelled whose names are omitted to be recorded.

The Tyler is often included in the list of officers present.

The installation of officers and the conferring of degrees have been sometimes noticed in a very improper manner.

In one instance a visit of the lecturers predecessor is noticed in a very contemptuous style which appears to have been approved by the lodge he visited.

#### 2<sup>d</sup>. Election and Installation of Officers.

Officers have been elected and installed when no lodge was opened. Master Masons lodges have been opened for an election of officers thus depriving Fellow crafts and apprentices of their privileges.

Deacons and Stewards have been elected by ballot and such sub-officers have been installed.

Sometimes all the officers have retained their stations (through their term of office) without installation. In some instances one or more of the officers have been installed and an installation of the remainder omitted. Installation has been dispensed with by the resolution of a lodge.

A master has appointed a substitute who was thereupon installed in his place and stead.

Officers have been installed in an entered apprentices or Fellow Crafts lodge.

What is called a Past Master's lodge has been frequently opened for the installation of a master in which forms and ceremonies are employed wholly unknown to ancient masonry.

#### 3<sup>d</sup>. Rejections of Candidates.

Votes of rejection at one meeting have been reconsidered and rescinded at the same or a succeeding meeting and the candidate thereupon initiated.

Two successive unfavourable ballots being had on a candidate at one meeting a third ballot was ordered to be had at the next meeting.

Candidates rejected have been allowed to withdraw their applications for initiation.

Members who have voted against an application for initiation have had their reasons therefor demanded by a resolution of the lodge.

#### 4. Initiations and Admissions.

Applications for initiation and membership or for membership only have been received at an extra meeting, and have been acted on at such meeting. Sometimes they have been without any or a sufficient number of recommenders, or have been recommended by brethren not members of the lodge applied to.

The necessary averments as to age, &c., have been omitted.

Committees of inquiry have consisted of an insufficient number of members or have included recommending brethren.

A committee of inquiry has been sometimes altogether dispensed with. It has consisted of all the members and called a committee of the whole. It has reported in less time than one month from its appointment. It has reported immediately after its appointment. It has not reported at any time.

Candidates have been balloted for and initiated at the time of their application or within less than one month thereafter, without authority of a dispensation; they have been balloted for and initiated at extra meetings or have been initiated without ballot and without authority for the omission. A candidate has been initiated and then balloted for.

Brethren have been received as members of a lodge on the deposit of their Certificates from the lodges they previously belonged to, without any application in writing, recommendation, reference or report. They have been elected members Viva Voce on motion to admit them.

Members who had resigned have been re-elected without any of the required formalities.

Ballots for applicants to become members have been had in a Fellow Craft or Masters Lodge, thus depriving Entered apprentices and Fellow crafts of their votes.

Candidates have been initiated in a master's lodge and one degree has in other instances been conferred in a lodge opened in another degree.

A Fellow craft about to be raised has been examined as to his proficiency in the degrees he had received in an entered apprentices lodge.

Two or more brethren have been passed at one and the same time and two or more brethren have been raised at one and the same time; a practice utterly indefensible.

The three degrees have been conferred on one person at one meeting without dispensation and in frequent instances a degree has been conferred upon a brother at a less interval than one month from his reception of a previous degree, in violation of the regulations of the grand lodge.

Brethren have been passed to the Chair without dispensation or due election.

Degrees recognized by and under the exclusive supervision of the grand H. R. A. Chapter have been conferred under a master's Warrant since May, 1824.

#### 5<sup>th</sup>. Demissions and Expulsions.

Members have been expelled without any previous notice or copy of charges served on them and no reason assigned for such omission. Members liable to expulsion under the penal provisions of by-laws providing for the payment of dues have been expelled altogether, without even the mention of their names.

Expulsions have been published in Newspapers since the grand lodge has forbidden that practice.

Resignations have been received and accepted at special and extra meetings when no particular circumstance required such a proceeding.

An application for a certificate is by some lodges considered as equivalent to a resignation.

#### 6. By-Laws.

By-Laws have been suspended or dispensed with, on motion to that effect, to subserve temporary purposes. They have been amended, altered and abrogated and new laws have been made and acted on without the sanction of the grand lodge being obtained, for the old laws as amended, or the new laws substituted for them.

#### 7. Miscellaneous.

The ordinary business of meetings has been transacted in a Master's lodge to the exclusion of all apprentices and fellow crafts who were members. Lodges have been opened, business transacted and degrees conferred therein when the Warrants were suspended by the grand lodge.

Six months or more have elapsed without the reading of Minutes.

Lodges have been kept open at unseasonable hours and have been opened in several degrees at one meeting without being closed in any.

Officers of the grand lodge on official visits have been re-

ceived in an entered apprentices lodge and the customary honours paid to them in such lodge.

The furniture and paraphernalia of some lodges are inappropriate and the rooms of a few unsafe.

The lecturer visited every lodge as often as was conceived to be useful or necessary for the purposes of inquiry and instruction ; he made a report on the minutes of each, one copy whereof was directed to be entered on the book of each lodge, another he transcribed into a book which he now submits to your inspection. He also submits herewith an account of the dispensations he issued by virtue of your predecessors deputation and of the fees received therefore, amounting to \$245.

The performance of his duty occupied him nine months and obliged him to travel nearly 2,400 miles ; he was every where received by the fraternity with flattering attentions and his lectures appeared to be received with interest.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID NATHANS,  
Lecturer.

Philad., 27 December, 1826.

The following report was received from the Committee appointed on the claim of William Christie for furniture supplied to the Committee of arrangement for the dinner to Bro. Gen<sup>l</sup> La Fayette in 1824, and on all similar demands.

On motion and seconded, the same was adopted.

To the Grand Lodge of Penn<sup>a</sup> :

The Comm<sup>e</sup> to which was referred the accounts of William Christie and others, against the Committee of arrangements appointed by the grand lodge on the occasion of General La Fayette's visit,

Report,

That it appears to the Committee that the following bills contracted by the Committee of arrangements remain unpaid,  
Viz :

William Christie, for Upholstery,	.	.	.	\$151.88
Clark, for Carpentry,	.	.	.	155.34

Myers and Jones, for Painting, . . . . .	\$40.
Russell, oil, . . . . .	4.87
Porterage and advertising, . . . . .	2.85
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Total, . . . . .	\$354.94
That there remains in the hands of said Committee an unexpended balance of, . . . . .	88.85
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Leaving a deficit of monies to amot. of, . . . . .	<u>\$266.09</u>

which deficit this committee is of opinion is justly and equitably chargeable upon the grand lodge.

To elucidate the opinion of the Committee, it is proper to recur to some of the circumstances which preceeded, as well as those which attended the reception of Gen<sup>l</sup> La Fayette. As soon as it was understood that this illustrious mason intended to visit the grand lodge, a committee was directed to devise measures worthy of the occasion and among the resolutions reported by them was one for the arrangement of a festival of welcome. It was proposed that the task of carrying this part of the arrangement into effect should be confided to a special committee and that the members of the fraternity should be generally invited; they further proposed that the price of tickets should be fixed at seven dollars. The grand lodge approved of the plan which its committee submitted, but probably not aware of the increased expenses attendant on all entertainments which were given at that season of general festivity, it reduced the price of tickets to the sum of five dollars, and in part compensation for this reduction, it determined that the grand saloon should be appropriated to the purposes of the festival.

It was not until the special committee, which was afterwards appointed, had made the more expensive part of their arrangements, that it was discovered that the grand lodge had no right to the saloon without the consent of the tenant in possession. To obtain that consent it was necessary to pay fifty dollars to dislodge an Italian artist from the banqueting room, and a further sum of sixty seven <sup>75</sup> / Dollars to procure another room for a Concert which had been announced for the evening at the Saloon. The sum of \$117<sup>75</sup> was thus re-

quired to procure accommodation which the grand lodge had stipulated it would furnish gratuitously. The obligation of the grand lodge to reimburse this sum, if necessary, has not been at any time questioned and needs no remarks.

The great number of the brethren who came forward as subscribers, gratifying as the fact was to the Committee, had the effect of increasing disproportionately the expenses of the banquet. The furniture and decorations belonging to the grand lodge were found altogether insufficient for the suite of apartments which it became necessary to open. New furniture and additional decorations were purchased by the Committee and these have since been sold by the grand lodge and the proceeds carried into its treasury, or, they still remain in its possession.

The Committee of arrangements, while mindful that it was their duty to welcome their patriarchal guest in a style which might become the lodge of which "Franklin was the founder and Washington a member," yet anxiously avoided every application of the sinking fund to purposes not strictly within its specified objects.

All their proceedings were characterized by as much economy as was consistent with the occasion. All the expenses of making preliminary arrangements were borne by themselves individually and when the moneys which they had received were found to be inadequate, they at once with the aid of a few friends applied a considerable sum of their own to meet the deficiency.

The State of their accounts strictly audited, stands thus :

They received from subscribers in all,		\$1358.
and appropriated from the private funds exclusive of the am <sup>t</sup> expended in preliminary arrange- ments,		80.
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		\$1438.50
They paid bills amounting to,	\$1349.65	
They yet owe,	354.94	
	<hr/>	1704.59
Balance due from Committee		<hr/> <hr/>
		\$266.09

On a full view of the circumstances which have occasioned this balance against the Committee of arrangements, first, that no discretion was permitted them in fixing the terms of subscription, the grand lodge itself having defined the price on views of the subject which the result has proved to be incorrect; second, that a large portion of the balance was applied to procure rooms, which the grand lodge had, from an erroneous idea of its rights, declared should be given without cost; third, that the grand lodge has received a full equivalent for the residue in the property which it has sold or still retains, and fourth, that the doings of the committee were wisely and satisfactorily ordered and that the deficiency has been entirely occasioned by causes over which they had no possible controul, the committee to which the accounts were referred have agreed to present the following resolution.

Resolved, that the R. W. G. M. be requested to draw his order on the grand treasurer for the sum of \$266<sup>02</sup> in favour of Br. James Mc Alpin, treasurer of the La Fayette Comm<sup>e</sup>. of arrangement.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Philad., 5<sup>th</sup> March, 1827.

Signed.

SAM<sup>L</sup>. F. BRADFORD.

JOHN K. KANE.

SAM<sup>L</sup>. BADGER.

SAM<sup>L</sup>. H. THOMAS.

A petition was received and read from a number of brethren praying for a Warrant to hold a lodge in Philadelphia, to be called the "Hand in Hand" and nominating for the first officers thereof.

Bro. J. W. Dickson, as Master.

" Joseph Caskey, " Senior Warden.

" P. Webster, " Junior Warden.

Also a petition was received and read from a number of brethren praying for a Warrant to hold a lodge in Philadelphia, to be called Equality and nominating for the first officers thereof,

Bro. John Gethen, as Master.



Bro. A. J. Westhym, " Senior Warden.

" Aaron Isaacs, " Junior Warden.

On motion and seconded, the said Petitions were referred to a Committee consisting of Bro<sup>s</sup>. T. B. Freeman, James McAlpin, Tho<sup>s</sup>. F. Gordon, Elhanan W. Keyser and John K. Kane, with the petition for a Warrant to hold a lodge at Kensington.

The Committee to which was referred the petition of Alexander Wiley, appealing from a vote of expulsion passed against him in Lodge No. 3, presented the following Report, viz:

1. That they have examined the Book of Minutes of lodge No. 3, and present the grand lodge with the following extract therefrom.

"Meeting opened at half past 7 o'clock, P. M. Entered Apprentices Lodge opened. A resolution was brought forward for the expulsion of Bro. A. Wiley a member of this lodge for unmasonic conduct, which was carried in the affirmative."

The W. M. and Secretary of Lodge No. 3, both attended your Committee and admitted that the expulsion was made upon the foregoing resolution, (as copied from their minutes,) and without any previous notice being given to Bro. A. Wiley. Your Committee therefore offer the following resolutions:

1. Resolved that the Vote of expulsion passed by lodge No. 3, against Bro. Alexander Wiley was illegal.

2. Resolved, that Bro. A. Wiley is fully reinstated a member of lodge No. 3.

3. Resolved, that nothing in the foregoing is to be construed as to prevent lodge No. 3 from proceeding against Bro. A. Wiley if they have cause so to do.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed.

MICHAEL NISBET.

SAM<sup>L</sup>. H. PERKINS.

Philad., 13<sup>th</sup> November, 1826.

And the above Report was adopted.

A communication was received from A. Bonaffon, lessee of the lower room complaining of sundry grievances he sustained,

“ Michael Nisbet, R. W. Deputy grand master, p. t.

- Bro. Thomas S. Manning, R. W. Senior grand Warden, p. t.  
 " Joseph R. Hopkins, R. W. Junior grand warden, p. t.  
 " Sam<sup>l</sup>. H. Thomas, R. W. Grand Secretary.  
 " Sam<sup>l</sup>. H. Perkins, Deputy grand secretary.  
 " Charles Stout, Senior grand deacon, p. t.  
 " Samuel Black, Junior grand deacon, p. t.  
 " John K. Kane, Grand Marshal.  
 " Benj. Allen, Grand Chaplain.  
 " David Nathans, Grand Pursuivant.  
 " Josiah Randall, }  
 " James Harper, } Past grand masters.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 84, 91, 94, 114, 115, 121, 113,  
 126, 130, 131, 134, 155, 158, 159, 151, 160, 165, 168, 172, 173, 174, 176,  
 186, 187, 201, 128, 152, 136 and 25 represented.

Thirty nine lodges being represented, the grand lodge was  
 opened in due form at 6½ o'clock in the evening.

On motion and seconded, a number of visiting brethren  
 were admitted.

Reports were received and read from the Committee of By-  
 Laws on the By-Laws of lodges No. 22, Sunbury.

- " " 45, Pittsburg.  
 " " 116, Marietta.  
 " " 119, Hartford.  
 " " 123, York.  
 " " 146, Meadville..  
 " " 159, Danville.  
 " " 172, Lebanon.  
 " " 176, Mount Pleasant..  
 " " 206, Middletown Tp.  
 " " 207, Brooklyn Tp.

And on motion made and seconded, the same were sev-  
 erally adopted.

A report was received and read from the Charity Com-  
 mittee on the state of the charity fund whereby it appears  
 that on the there were invested on account of said fund in  
 the masonic and gas loan, . . . . \$1032.50  
 and in cash, . . . . 507.41

Total, . . . . . \$1539.91

The Committee solicit the aid and co-operation of the grand and subordinate lodges and conclude their report by offering the following Resolution which was adopted with the report, viz :

Resolved, that the grand secretary be directed to send a copy of the foregoing report to the respective lodges under the jurisdiction of the grand lodge of the state of Pennsylvania.

The following report was received from the Committee to which was referred the petitions to hold lodges in Phila<sup>a</sup> to be called "Equality" and "Hand in Hand" and the petition to hold a lodge in Kensington, to be called "Kensington."

"That the power inherent in the grand lodge to constitute subordinate lodges should ever be exercised with a steady regard to the welfare of the lodges already established.

This principle has hitherto governed the grand lodge of Pennsylvania in granting new Warrants and so essential has it been deemed to the harmony, utility and consequent prosperity of the order, that it has been incorporated with our rules and regulations, has become a permanent law of the administration of the masonic government.

By Section 28<sup>th</sup> of the rules and regulations by this grand lodge established, it is provided that no Warrant will be granted to any number of masons in the Country residing within five miles of the place mentioned in the Warrant of an established lodge, without the assent of such lodge, given under its Seal, unless under special circumstances. The density of the population of a vicinage, forms an obvious, operative and principal circumstance under which, adherence to this rule may be dispensed with. To this circumstance, it may be attributed, that no limitation has been fixed to the power of granting new Warrants in our Cities. But it is by no means to be inferred, because no such limitation has been made, that such power is to be liberally exercised. The welfare and harmony of established lodges must always be consulted in considering every application for a new Warrant.

The first, and great objects in the creation of subordinate lodges are, the diffusion of masonic light, and the establishment of ready means of intercommunion among the brethren

by which the masonic charities may be cherished and expanded. To effect these, harmony and strength are indispensable; lodges can subserve the ends of their creation only by unanimity and numerical strength. If the members of a lodge be reduced so as to render its pecuniary burdens intolerable, and a rotation of competent officers impracticable, there is no longer energy in the members to perform the customary work, nor power to obtain additional workmen. The lodge loses its respectability and ceases to have influence with the craft and with the profane.

The multiplication of lodges in the City of Philadelphia has inevitably the effect of diminishing the numerical strength of each lodge. And whether the number of lodges already established now mars the usefulness of each other, has appeared to your committee to be the first object of inquiry and one that must determine the character of their report. The number of lodges in the City is twenty five, the whole number of members 1022, making an average to each lodge of forty one members. To support a lodge from the ordinary annual dues, 38 members are necessary. Hence if the members of the City Lodges were equally distributed, the income of each would be barely adequate to its subsistence. None would possess the means to renovate their Jewels, to provide for extraordinary expenses or perform acts of beneficence.

But the distribution of members is not equal. Fourteen lodges only have the competent number, whilst the remaining eleven having less than that number are in a sinking condition. Of the first class, three lodges have less than forty members. Of the second class, two lodges have 25 members each. One lodge has 24 members, one lodge has twenty two members and one lodge has thirteen members only.

But the lodges have other pecuniary means besides annual contributions. True, they have resources in the voluntary donations of members and in initiation fees. These sources however are variable and uncertain. The first can be resorted to rarely and occasionally only; the efficiency of the second we proceed to examine.

The aggregate of initiations in the City Lodges during the

year 1826 was 140, averaging less than  $5\frac{1}{2}$  to each lodge, yielding at \$30 for each initiation, the grand lodge dues and tylers fees deducted the sum of 121<sup>50</sup>. If the number of initiations were the same in each lodge, each would have this sum to make up deficiencies from paucity of members. But the number of initiations is not equal in the several lodges. In several it does not exceed three per annum, yielding only the net sum of \$67<sup>50</sup>. It follows therefore, that several of the existing lodges have not funds from their ordinary nor extraordinary sources to maintain themselves, and that they are threatened with speedy extinction.

If the lodges of the City be divided into two classes, placing in the first the lodges existing in 1810, and in the second, such as have been constituted since that period, it will be found that the former class, though not so prosperous as before the increase of the lodges, are still in better circumstances and more efficient in their labours than the latter. The first class consists of 11, and the second of 14 lodges. In the past year the first had 522 members, exceeding the average of 47 members each, and initiated 80 masons, averaging more than 7 each. The second class had 500 members, averaging 35 members each, and initiating 60 masons, equal to little more than 4 each.

In order to determine what has been the effect upon the state of the craft in this city by the multiplication of lodges, your committee have instituted a comparison between the condition of masonry here in the years 1810 and 1826 from which it appears, that

In the former period there were 11 lodges, having 654 members, 176 Initiations, yielding a gross revenue of \$9204, subject to deductions for bad debts, half dues, &c., of \$2301, and to be expended necessarily \$1886, leaving a balance for extra expenditure and beneficence \$5017, equal to an average sum of \$456<sup>00</sup>/<sub>11</sub> to each lodge.

In the latter period there were 25 lodges having 1022 members, 140 initiations, yielding a gross revenue of \$10,332, subject to a deduction for bad debts, &c., of \$2583, and to an expenditure of \$5342, leaving for extra expenses and beneficence \$2407, equal to \$96<sup>28</sup> for each lodge.

It may be justly said that the difference in the pecuniary result from that comparison, does not furnish a true criterion of the state of the craft at the periods assumed, since the aggregate expense of the lodges has been increased by the enhanced dues and rents payable to the grand lodge. It is therefore proper to charge the incumbrances in 1836 at the rates of 1810; the surplus would then be \$4447 equal to \$178<sup>23</sup> for each lodge.

From this comparative view it appears that in 1810, eleven lodges had 36 more initiations than 25 lodges in 1826, received of gross revenue only \$1128 less, had actually \$2610 more to bestow in charity and would have had, if subject to the same dues and rents \$570 more.

From the foregoing facts your committee have been irresistably led to the conclusion that the masonic welfare has not been promoted by the increase of the number of the city lodges, and to the corollary that it is inexpedient to grant new Warrants in the city of Philadelphia.

Like convictions seem to have directed the policy of the grand lodge for a series of years. In February, 1818, a committee of five members, each of whom has been distinguished by masonic zeal and learning and masonic honours, reported that they were "decidedly of the opinion that applications for Warrants to hold lodges in the City of Philadelphia should not be encouraged, but on the contrary ought to be discountenanced unless under circumstances forming an exception to the general rule."

This principle, that special circumstances shall form an exception to the general rule, is though sound sufficiently latitudinary and liable to perversion. But it has hitherto been applied by the grand lodge with great discretion. Since the year 1814, five warrants only have been granted to lodges in the City. In 1817 a warrant was granted to individuals for the purpose of putting an end to the illicit practice of masonic rites. In 1818 a lodge was constituted upon the report of the Committee which we have just mentioned, assigning as a reason that the policy which prohibited the granting of new Warrants not having been promulgated the

applicants had reason to believe their prayer would be granted and that the rule of exclusion would as to them operate retroactively. A Warrant was granted to lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 160, that its labours being conducted in the french language might be servicable to french masons. The Warrants of N<sup>o</sup>. 186 and 187 were granted in 1822, immediately before the meeting of the grand committee. There have been two other applications for Warrants in the City, one in 1819, the other in 1824; these were refused, not being attended by special circumstances.

It is difficult to state a priori what are the special circumstances under which new Warrants should be granted. It is the safe mode to determine each case on its own circumstances. But it is the duty of your Committee to examine whether the cases referred to them are accompanied with such special circumstances as justify the suspension of the general rule. Every view they have taken of the subject presupposes the applicants and their recommenders to be entitled to the greatest respect and attention; consequently the Committee are called to consider their petitions on general principles only.

Your Committee are of the opinion that the petition for the erection of a lodge in Kensington is attended with such special circumstances as to make it an exception to the rule above considered. These circumstances are

1. The locality assigned for the lodge can scarcely be considered in the City. It is three miles distant from the Hall, in the neighborhood of many masons willing to become members thereof and who are not members of any lodge.

2. Kensington is a populous district too distant to permit its inhabitants to participate in the duties and benefits of lodges held at the Hall without great inconvenience, which such inhabitants will not incur and the G. Lodge should not require. And the very distance which induces them to refuse to come to the Hall in the City, will assure the non-abduction of members from the City Lodges.

3. That the applicants, in order to remove every apprehension from the grand Lodge, that a Warrant if granted to them



will be abused by holding the lodge at a tavern and be making masons for inconsiderable sums, have pledged themselves that the lodge shall be holden at a private house, every way suitable for the purpose and that the fees for initiations shall be thirty dollars.

The applications for a lodge to be called "Hand in Hand," and a lodge to be called "Equality," do not appear to be attended by special or extraordinary circumstances. Some of the petitioners have been, and some are now, members of city lodges, others are from foreign jurisdictions. Those who have left or design to leave their lodges in the city, it is presumed are moved by disaffection, well or ill-founded, but your committee not having made inquiries upon that subject, have, as was their duty, presumed the former. Still, they are not of the opinion that the dissatisfaction of one or more individuals with the proceedings of their lodge is a justifiable reason for the erection of new lodges in the City, so manifestly injurious to the craft. For individuals thus aggrieved a ready and effectual remedy is at hand; if they be worthy, the doors of four and twenty lodges are open to them, and the doors are also widely expanded to receive all worthy brethren who come from foreign jurisdictions to reside among us. If the applicants cannot find contentment in any of these lodges, we fear they will seek it elsewhere in vain.

For these reasons your committee submit the following resolutions:

1. Resolved, that the prayer of the petitioners praying for a Warrant for a lodge to be holden at Kensington, to be called the "Kensington Lodge, N<sup>o</sup>. 211," be granted and that the grand Secretary make out a Warrant accordingly.

2. Resolved, that the petitioners praying for a Warrant to hold a lodge in Philadelphia, to be called the Hand in Hand Lodge, and the petitioners praying for a Warrant to hold a lodge in Philadelphia, to be called Equality lodge, have leave to withdraw their petitions.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. B. FREEMAN.

THO<sup>s</sup>. F. GORDON.

JA<sup>s</sup>. M<sup>c</sup>ALPIN.

JOHN K. KANE.

19 Mar., 1827.

And the said report being read, the first Resolution attached thereto was adopted. The second Resolution being under consideration,

The grand lodge was adjourned at 10 o'clock in the evening, to meet on Monday the 26<sup>th</sup> inst. at 7 o'clock P. M. Adjourned in harmony.

SAM. H. THOMAS,  
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 26 March, A. D. 1827, A. L. 5827.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Quarterly Communication.

BRO. SAMUEL BADGER, Deputy Grand Master, Acting Grand Master, P. T.

" M. Nisbet, R. W. Deputy G. Master, p. t.

" T. B. Freeman, R. W. Senior G. Warden, p. t.

" John Steele, Jr., R. W. Junior G. Warden.

" Sam<sup>l</sup> H. Thomas, R. W. Grand Secretary.

" Henry Benner, R. W. Grand Treasurer, p. t.

" J. Horton, Senior Grand Deacon, p. t.

" C. Stout, Junior Grand Deacon, p. t.

" John K. Kane, Grand Marshal.

" David Nathans, Grand Pursuivant.

" G. T. Bedell, } Grand Chaplains.

" Benj<sup>n</sup>. Allen, }

" Josiah Randall,

" James Harper, } R. W. Past grand masters.

" Sam<sup>l</sup> F. Bradford, }

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 91, 114, 115, 121, 125, 126, 128, 130, 131, 134, 136, 147, 151, 155, 158, 159, 160, 165, 168, 172, 173, 174, 176, 186, 187 and 201 represented.

Thirty-six lodges being represented, the grand lodge opened in due form at 7 o'clock in the evening.

On motion and seconded, a number of visitors were admitted.

The consideration of the second resolution attached to the

report of the Committee on applications for new warrants presented at the last meeting was resumed, when the said resolution was adopted, so that petitioners for Warrants for two new lodges in the City of Philadelphia had leave to withdraw their petitions.

Returns were received from the following lodges and were ordered to be filed, viz :

Lodges in Philadelphia, viz :

- N<sup>o</sup>. 2, General Return, 1826. Reinstated, Luther Barnes.  
 9, General Return, 1826. Suspended, C. A. B——,  
 T—— G——. Expelled, C. V——, n. p. d.  
 19, General Return, 1826.  
 51, Ditto do.  
 52, Ditto do.  
 59, Ditto do. Reinstatement of Cha<sup>s</sup>. Reilly.  
 67, General Return, 1826. Suspended, n. p. d., F——  
 H——, T—— W——, A—— B. C——, T——  
 S——, W—— D——, A—— M——. Expelled, n.  
 p. d., W—— K——. Rejected, H—— D—— (2<sup>d</sup>  
 time).  
 71, General Return, 1826.  
 72, Ditto do. Expelled, J—— A——,  
 W—— B——, B—— W. B——.  
 91, General Return, 1826.  
 115, Ditto do.  
 121, Ditto do.  
 125, Ditto do.  
 126, Ditto do.  
 128, Ditto do. Expelled, U. C., D—— R——.  
 Ditto, n. p. d., P—— G——, E—— V. M——, P——  
 V—— S——, F—— W. R——, W—— S——, H——  
 W——, B—— H——.  
 130, General Return, 1826.  
 131, General Return, 1826.  
 134, Ditto do.  
 155, Ditto do. Reinstated, George Haines.  
 160, General Return, 1826.

- N<sup>o</sup>. 187, Ditto. Expelled, U. C., C—— M——. Ditto, n. p. d., T—— L——, W. S. A——, F—— V. B——.  
Lodges elsewhere.
- N<sup>o</sup>. 21, Harrisburg. General Return, 1826.  
22, Sunbury. General Return, 1826.  
45, Pittsburg. General Return, 1826. Suspended,  
W—— S——, H. N. S——.  
46, Lititz. General return, 1826.  
50, Westchester. General Return, 1826. Suspended,  
n. p. d., J—— K. M——.  
60, Brownsville. General Return, 1826. Rejected,  
C—— P. G——. Suspended, n. p. d., I—— J——,  
J—— K——, P. H. D——, J—— H——, J——  
H——, J—— L——, R—— J—— and S. C——.  
61, Wilkes barre. General Return, 1826.  
62, Reading. General Returns, 1826.  
64, Greensburg. General Returns, 1826. Reinstated,  
T—— H——. Expelled, P—— N——, n. p. d.  
66, Morgantown. General Returns, 1826.  
69, Chester. General Returns, 1826.  
70, Athens. General Return, 1826. Reinstated, C——  
S——.  
75, Charlestown. General Returns, 1826  
81, Germantown. General Returns, 1826. Reinstated,  
Benj. Williams.  
82, Milford, Pike Co<sup>r</sup> General Return, 1826.  
83, Damascus. General Return, 1826. Expelled, A——  
T——, J—— T——, J—— L. P——.  
106, Williamsport. General Return, 1826. Suspended,  
n. p. d., R—— M<sup>c</sup>C——. Rejected, J—— S——.  
94, New Hope. General Return, 1827. Expelled, U. C.,  
P—— K——.  
102, Frankford. General Return, 1826. Expelled, U. C.,  
J—— R——.  
108, Wysox. General Return, 1826.  
113, Pittsburg. General Return, 1826. Suspended, n.  
p. d., J. H. F——, W. A. B——, J—— R——.  
119, Hartford or Gibson. General Return, 1826.

- 123, York. General Return, 1826. Expelled, J——  
S——, T—— O'H——, n. p. d.
- 132, Waynesburg. General Return, 1826. Expelled,  
W. G——, u. c.
- 133, Beaver. Return of members and a/c of dues from  
commencement of the lodge to 10 March, 1819.
- 135, Manayunk. General Return, 1826.
- 136, Moorestown. General Return, 1826. Reinstated,  
G—— W. C——.
- 138, Orwigsburg. General Return, 1826. Rejected,  
A—— M——, N—— W—— or W——.
- 141, Halifax, Dauphin Co. General Return, 1826.
- 142, Humphreysville. General Return, 1826.
- 143, Chambersburg. General Return, 1826. Rejected,  
J—— B——. Suspended, n. p. d., J—— W——,  
R—— C——, H—— B——, S—— H——. Return  
of the expulsion of J—— K——, unmasonic conduct.
- 146, Meadville, Crawford Co<sup>r</sup>. General Return, 1826.
- 147, Bethany. General Return, 1826.
- 150, Troy. General Return, 1826. Suspended, J——  
L——, B—— S——, D—— A. B——.
- 151, Allentown. General Return, 1826. Rejected, J——  
H——. Expelled, G—— C——, A—— W——,  
J—— S——.
- 152, Easton. General Return, 1826.
- 156, Drumore Tp., Lancaster Co<sup>r</sup>. General Return, 1826.  
Expelled, A—— S——, n. p. d.
- 159, Danville. General Return, 1826. Rejected, H——  
R——.
- 162, New London X Roads. General Return, 1826. Re-  
jected, J—— T. B——. Suspended, n. p. d., J——  
F—— and B. M<sup>c</sup>M——.
- 164, Washington. General Return, 1826. Rejected,  
T—— W——. Expelled, U. C., R—— M. C——.  
Suspended, J—— W——, J. K——, n. p. d.
- 168, Doylestown. General Return, 1826.
- 165, Pittsburg. General Return, 1826.
- 169, Columbia. General Return, 1826. Expelled, u. c.,  
M—— S——. Suspended, G—— C. S——, n. p. d.

- 171, Pottstown. General Return, 1826. Suspended, S—, S—, J— Y—, N— B—, J— S—, J— J—, D. K—.
- 172, Lebanon. General Return, 1826. Rejected, J— R—, S— L—, P— B—. Supplementary Return of passings and raisings in 1822, 1823, 1824.
- 173, Laurenceville. General Return, 1826. Suspended, J— S—, n. p. d.
- 174, Downingtown. General Return, 1826.
- 176, Mt. Pleasant. General Return, 1826.
- 178, Huntingdon. General Return, 1826. Rejected, T— M. G—, J— W—, S— F—. Expelled, n. p. d., R— B—.
- 179, Middle Smithfield. General Return, 1826. Expelled, F— D—, J— C—.
- 180, Jefferson. General Return, 1826.
- 182, General Returns, 1826.
- 183, Tredyffring. General Return, 1826. Expelled, J. K—, n. p. d.
- 185, Braintrim. General Return, 1826. Expelled, E— B. M—, u. c.
- 190, Norristown. General Return, 1826.
- 189, Wellsboro. General Return, 1826. Expelled, u. c., H— L—. Suspended, n. p. d., J— B—, B— G—, J— D—.
- 192, Bellefonte. General Return, 1826.
- 194, Selins grove. General return, 1826. Expelled, u. c., J— S—.
- 195, Hatboro'. General Return, 1826.
- 196, Mercersburg. General Return, 1826.
- 197, Carlisle. General Return, 1826.
- 198, Shippensburg. General Return, 1826. Rejected, J— C—.
- 200, Gettysburg. General Return, 1826.
- 201, Mauch Chunk. General Return, 1826. Rejected, E— L—.
- 202, Green Castle. General Return, 1826. Rejected, J— M—, S— M—.

203, Mifflin. General Return, 1826. Rejected, W——  
V. E——.

204, Tunkhannock. General Return, 1826.

206, Middleton. Return of Members and Officers and  
a/c dues, 1826.

184, Fairview. General Return, 1826. Expelled, J. H.  
W——.

207, Landisburg say Brooklyn. Return of Members,  
1826. Account of Dues, 1826. Election Return,  
1826.

208, Landisburg. General Return, 1826.

The grand Secretary informed the grand lodge that lodges  
N<sup>o</sup>. 45, 141, 147 and 202 respectively, had elected for Wor-  
shipful Master a member who had never served in the office  
of Warden, that he had written to the late officers of those  
lodges to state the reasons of the members for deviating from  
the regulations of the grand lodge and had received an  
answer from

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 45, in a letter from Charles Shaler, R. W. D. D.  
G. M., dated Pittsburg, 22 Feb<sup>r</sup>.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 141, in a letter from H. B. Dorrance, dated  
Harrisburg, 26 February, and

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 202, in a letter from J. D. C. Artz, Greencastle,  
dated 15 January.

The said letters being read, on motion and seconded,

Resolved, that the grand secretary be directed to write to  
lodges Nos. 45, 141 and 202 respectively, and inform them  
that their proceedings in the election of a Master were  
irregular.

Resolved, that in consideration of the circumstances as-  
signed by lodges Nos. 45, 141 and 202, as the occasion of  
their deviation from the regulations of the grand lodge in the  
election of a master for the present year, such election be  
confirmed.

Resolved, that the annual return of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 147, for 1826,  
be referred to a committee of three to inquire into the circum-  
stances attending the election of Joseph Castle as Master of  
that lodge, he never having served as Warden of any lodge.

Brothers Tho<sup>s</sup>. M. Pettit, Henry Horn and Emmor T. Weaver were appointed on said Committee.

The following Resolution was offered by Bro. N. Fowle, viz :

“That visitors to the grand lodge and subordinate lodges be not required on their examination to adopt the term ‘York’ as a distinctive appellation.”

On motion and seconded, the above resolution was referred to a Committee of nine, and the R. W. grand Master was pleased to appoint thereon, Brothers James Harper, Josiah Randall, Bayse Newcomb, Sam<sup>l</sup> F. Bradford, Sam<sup>l</sup> Badger, Michael Nisbet, John Steele, Jr., Nath. Fowle and Fred<sup>k</sup>. Plummer.

A Bill from the grand tyler was presented, amounting to twenty seven dollars for expenses incurred in attending the grand officers to Chambersburg in July, 1826.

On motion and seconded, the same was directed to be paid from the appropriation to the grand secretary.

The grand lodge adjourned in harmony at 10 o'clock in the evening to meet on Monday the 7<sup>th</sup> May at 7 o'clock, P. M.

SAM<sup>L</sup>. H. THOMAS,  
Grand Secretary.

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Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> May, A. D. 1827, A. L. 5827.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Quarterly Communication.

Present :

Bro. THOMAS KITTERA, R. W. Grand Master.

- “ John Steele, Jr., R. W. Deputy grand Master, p. t.
- “ David C. Skerret, R. W. Senior grand Warden, p. t.
- “ Fred<sup>k</sup>. Plummer, R. W. Junior grand Warden, p. t.
- “ Sam. H. Thomas, R. W. Grand Secretary.
- “ Sam. H. Perkins, Deputy grand Sec<sup>y</sup>.
- “ J. J. Wheeler, Senior grand Deacon.
- “ John Hogan, Junior grand Deacon.
- “ John K. Kane, Grand Marshal.
- “ David Nathans, Grand Pursuivant.



Lodges Nos. 3, 9, 19, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 91, 113, 114, 115, 121, 125, 128, 130, 131, 134, 138, 151, 152, 158, 159, 160, 164, 176, 186, 187 and 195 represented.

Thirty lodges being represented, the grand lodge was opened in ample form at 7½ o'clock in the evening.

On motion and seconded, a number of visiting brethren were admitted.

A petition was received and read from a number of brethren residing in Hanover, York County, praying for a Warrant to hold a lodge in that place and nominating for the first Officers thereof, William D. Gobrecht as Master ; John Culbertson, as Senior Warden, and John Augustus D. Hall as Junior Warden.

And the said petition being in due form and duly recommended,

On motion and seconded,

Resolved,

That a Warrant be granted to hold a lodge as prayed for, to be called Patmos, N<sup>o</sup>. 212.

A Commission was presented and read from Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 138, dated Orwigsburg, 13 February, 1827, appointing Samuel H. Thomas its proxy in the Grand Lodge.

On Motion and Seconded,

Resolved,

That Bro. Sam<sup>l</sup> H. Thomas be recognized as the proxy of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 138.

A communication was received and read from Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 172, dated Lebanon, 1st October, 1826, preferring charges ag<sup>t</sup> Abraham Embick, not a member of any lodge.

On motion and seconded, the said communication was referred to a Committee consisting of Isaac Hiester, Geo. Getz and A. L. Hayes, to inquire and make report.

A communication was received and read from William Price, postmarked Pittsburg, 30 April, praying for an investigation of the circumstances under which he became a mason in New York, after he had been rejected by lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 45, and a re-investigation of the circumstances and causes of his rejection by said lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 45.

On motion and seconded,

Resolved, that the prayer of the petitioner be granted and that it be referred to a committee consisting of Brothers Shepley R. Holmes, D. R. McNair and W. W. Fetterman, to make inquiry and report.

A communication was received and read from Lodge No. 196, dated 12<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>r</sup>. and another dated 24<sup>th</sup> February in relation to the expulsion of P—— H—— by that Lodge. A letter from P—— H——, dated 5<sup>th</sup> March, was also received and read complaining of his expulsion.

On motion and seconded,

Resolved,

That the case of P. H—— be referred to a Committee consisting of Brothers Geo. K. Harper, Sam<sup>l</sup>. Fahnestock and Daniel C. Newcomer, to inquire into the circumstances of his expulsion and make report.

A letter was received and read from Jeremy L. Cross, dated New Haven, 15<sup>th</sup> January, requesting an Historical Account of the organization and progress of this Grand Lodge.

On motion and seconded, the said letter was laid upon the table.

A memorial was received and read from some of the late members of late lodge No. 109, St. Genevieve, Missouri, dated 29 Novem., 1826, praying for a revival of the Warrant for the purpose of settling the pecuniary affairs of the said lodge.

On motion and seconded, the said Memorial was laid upon the table.

An application was received from 15 of the members of lodge No. 203, dated Mifflin, March, for permission to remove said lodge to Lewistown in Mifflin County.

On motion and seconded, the said application was laid upon the table.

The following Reports and Returns were read and ordered to be filed, viz :

Second District.

Report of Jos. Kingsbery, dated 20 Decem., on the state of the lodges in that District.

Third District.

Return of Dispensations granted by Bro. Geo. B. Porter, D. D. G. M., from 1st April to 27 Decem., 1826.

## Fourth District.

Annual Report of Bro. J. H. Crawford, D. D. G. M., dated Chambersburg, 27 Decem., 1826. Return of Dispensations granted by the same during the third and fourth quarters, 1826.

## Fifth District.

Annual Report of Bro. Cha<sup>s</sup>. Shaler, D. D. G. M., dated 20 December, 1826. Return of Dispensations issued by the same in 1826.

## Seventh District.

Return of Dispensations issued by Bro. James Kelton, D. D. G. M., during the year 1826.

## Eighth District.

Annual Report of Bro. Henry Lenhart, D. D. G. M., dated Williamsport, 20 Decem., 1826. Return of Dispensations issued by the same during the fourth quarter of 1826 and the first quarter of 1827.

Bro. N. B. Wood, Harrisburg. Return of Dispensations issued by him to lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 21, in 1826, by virtue of the Deputation of the R. W. grand Master.

N<sup>o</sup>. 82, Milford. General Return, 1826.

104, New Holland. General Return, 1826. Reinstated, John Riddle, Henry Rush, John Shugart.

143, Chambersburg. General Return, 1826. Expelled, J—— K——.

144, Milton. General Return, 1826. Reinstated, James D. Forsman, Sol. Levan, James Madden.

164, Washington. General return, 1826. Expelled, u. c., R—— M. C——, J—— W——, n. p. d. Suspended, J—— K——, n. p. d.

169, Columbia. Communication in approbation of the lectures of David Nathans.

173, Laurenceville. Copy of resolutions of thanks to Bro. David Nathans, grand Lecturer.

208, McConnellsburg say Landisburg. Return to Dispensation to constitute shewing that the lodge was constituted on the 26 June, 1826.

209, Hillsboro'. Return to Dispensation to constitute,

shewing that the lodge was constituted on the 18<sup>th</sup> April, 1827.

210, McConnellsburg. Return to dispensation to constitute, shewing that the lodge was constituted on the 27<sup>th</sup> January, 1827.

The R. W. grand Master reported that with the assistance of his grand officers he had constituted Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 211, Kensington, and installed the officers thereof on the 30<sup>th</sup> April, 1827.

It appearing from the Return of lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 82, Milford, that the member elected Master for the present year had never served in the office of Warden.

On motion and seconded,

Resolved, that the Comm<sup>s</sup> to which was referred the election of Master by lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 147, be instructed to inquire into the circumstances of the election of a master by lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 82 on Decem., 1826.

On motion and seconded,

Resolved,

That the Warrant for a lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 199, at Jersey Shore, directed to be cancelled by a resolution of the grand lodge adopted 18 Decem. last, be restored to the petitioners, it appearing satisfactorily that they are desirous of being constituted.

A communication was received and read, dated Philad<sup>a</sup>. 7 May inst., from the brethren who petitioned in March for a Warrant to hold a lodge in this City, to be called Equality, asking for a reconsideration of their Petition.

The said communication was laid upon the table.

The grand lodge closed in harmony at 8½ o'clock, P. M.

SAM. H. THOMAS,

Grand Secretary.

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PHILAD<sup>a</sup>. Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> June, A. D. 1827, A. L. 5827.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Quarterly Communication.

Present :

Bro. THO<sup>s</sup>. KITTERA, R. W. Grand Master.

Bro. Samuel Badger, R. W. Deputy G. M.

“ John Steele, Jr., R. W. Senior G. W., p. t.

“ Charles Wheeler, R. W. Junior G. W., p. t.

“ Robert Toland, R. W. Grand Treasurer.

“ Sam<sup>l</sup>. H. Thomas, R. W. Grand Secretary.

“ Sam<sup>l</sup>. H. Perkins, Deputy Grand Sec<sup>y</sup>.

“ Adam Cornman, Senior Grand Deacon.

“ J. R. Hopkins, Junior Grand Deacon.

“ David Nathans, Grand Pursuivant.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 21, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 91, 106, 114, 115, 121, 126, 130, 131, 134, 152, 155, 158, 160, 168, 186, 187, 195, 200, 138 and 211 represented.

Thirty Lodges being represented, the Grand Lodge was opened at a quarter before eight o'clock in the evening.

On motion and seconded, a number of visiting brethren were admitted.

The minutes of the proceedings of the grand lodge at the quarterly communication on the 5<sup>th</sup> of March, adjourned quarterly communications of the 19<sup>th</sup> March, 26<sup>th</sup> March and 7<sup>th</sup> May, and of the extra communication of the 6<sup>th</sup> March were read and severally adopted.

A report was received from the Committee of correspondence on the communications received from foreign grand lodges, by which it appeared that the grand lodges of Delaware, Georgia and Ohio had approved of the decision of this grand lodge in relation to the mode of conferring degrees, proposed to be changed by the grand lodge of Maine. And the said report was adopted.

The Committee to which was referred the election of a Master in 1826, by Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 147, Bethany, present a Report concluding with the following Resolution and being read it was adopted :

Resolved, that the election of Jos<sup>h</sup>. Cartles as W. M. of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 147, was contrary to the rules and regulations of the Grand Lodge and the same is hereby set aside.

Resolved, that Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 147, be directed to hold a new election for Master at the next stated meeting after receiving notice from the Grand Secretary of the above resolution and

be also authorized and directed to hold an election to fill up any vacancy or vacancies in the offices of Senior and Junior Warden should any such occur in consequence of an election of Worshipful master.

A communication dated this day was received from Robert W. Sykes, Esq., Counsel of Mrs. Ann B. Winnemore, Administratrix cum testamento annexo of the estate of Bro. Anthony Fannen, deceased, covering a copy of the Will of said Fannen, in which there are certain bequests to the use of the Charity Committee of this gr<sup>d</sup> lodge.

On motion and seconded,

Resolved, that the said comm<sup>n</sup> be referred to a committee of five to act thereon in conjunction with the Trustees of the Charity Fund and report to this grand lodge.

The R. W. grand master was pleased to appoint Brothers Josiah Randall, Sam<sup>l</sup> F. Bradford, B. Newcomb, James Harper and John M. Scott on said Committee.

A petition was received and read from a number of Jew brethren, praying for a Warrant to hold a lodge in Philadelphia, to be called Israel, and nominating for the first officers thereof Isaak Garretson, Worshipful Master; A. J. Westhym, Senior Warden, Aaron Isaacs, Junior Warden.

On motion and seconded, the said Petition was referred to a Committee, consisting of Brothers John K. Kane, James Gowen, Frederick Plummer, William Carl Brewster and Joseph S. Riley to inquire and report.

The following resolution was laid on the table by Bro. Sam<sup>l</sup> H. Thomas, viz :

Resolved, that the reasonable expenses incurred by members of Committees of this Grand Lodge, while travelling in performance of their duties, be defrayed from the Grand Treasury.

Reports were received and read from the Committee of Finance on the a/cs of the Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary and Hall Comm<sup>e</sup> for the first quarter of 1827, also an Abstract of the receipts and payments of the grand lodge for the same time, and they were severally adopted.

The following Returns were received, read and ordered to be filed :

N<sup>o</sup>. 43, Lancaster. General Return, 1826.

N<sup>o</sup>. 84, Somerset. General Return, 1826. Reinstated, John Parker.

N<sup>o</sup>. 199, Jersey Shore. Return to Dispensation to constitute, shewing that the Lodge was duly constituted on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of March last.

John De Pui, D. D. G. M., 12<sup>th</sup> District. Return of Dispensations granted during the First quarter of 1827 amounting to \$30.

The following appointments made by the R. W. Grand Master for the year 1827 were now announced, viz :

District Deputy Grand Masters.

First District.

Garriek Mallery of Wilkesbarre, for the Counties of Luzerne, Pike, Wayne and Susquehanna.

Second District.

Joseph Kingsbery of Sheshequin, for the Counties of Bradford and Tioga.

Third District.

George B. Porter of Lancaster, for the Counties of York and Lancaster.

Fourth District.

Thomas H. Crawford of Chambersburg, for the Counties of Franklin, Adams, Cumberland, Perry and Bedford.

Fifth District.

Charles Shaler of Pittsburg, for the Counties of Westmoreland, Fayette, Greene, Washington, Butler, Beaver, Armstrong, Jefferson and Indiana.

Sixth District.

Isaac Hiester of Reading, for the Counties of Berks, Schuylkill, Northampton and Lehigh.

Seventh District.

James Kelton of New London X Roads, for the Counties of Chester and Delaware.

Eighth District.

Rev<sup>d</sup>. Henry Lenhart of Williamsport, for the Counties of Northumberland, Union and Columbia.

Ninth District.

Hon<sup>bl</sup>. Thomas Burnside of Bellefonte, for the Counties of Huntingdon, Mifflin and Centre.

Tenth District.

Stephen Barlowe of Meadville, for the Counties of Crawford, Mercer and Erie, Warren and Venango.

Eleventh District.

John A. Hill of Hatborough, for the Counties of Bucks and Montgomery.

Twelfth District.

John De Pui of Harrisburg, for the Counties of Dauphin and Lebanon.

#### District Grand Chaplains.

2 District, Reverend Solomon Everts.

3 do. " Richard D. Hall.

" do. " Leonard S. Ives.

8 do. " James De Pui.

9 do. " Robert Piggot.

" do. " William H. Rees.

10 do. " Timothy Alden.

12 do. " J. B. Clemson.

#### Grand Deacons.

Sen<sup>r</sup>. Elhanan W. Keyser.

Jun<sup>r</sup>. J. R. Hopkins.

#### Grand Chaplains.

Rev<sup>d</sup>. George C. Potts.

Rev<sup>d</sup>. R. W. Morgan.

" Gregory T. Bedell.

" Benj. Allen.

" W. E. Ashton.

" W. C. Meade.

#### Grand Stewards.

Thomas Amies.

William Wray.

#### Grand Sword Bearer.

Henry Horn.

#### Grand Marshal.

John K. Kane.

#### Grand Pursuivant.

David Nathans.

#### Grand Tyler.

Charles Schneider.



## Committee of Correspondence.

T. B. Freeman.

Sam<sup>l</sup> H. Perkins.

Charles S. Coxe.

## Committee of By Laws.

Sam<sup>l</sup> H. Thomas.

Stephen W. Smith.

Nath<sup>l</sup> Fowle.

## Committee of Publication.

Nathan R. Potts.

Sam<sup>l</sup> Wonderly.

Thomas M. Pettit.

## Committee of Charity.

Soloman Allen.

Anthony Fannen.

Henry Y. Carter.

Joseph R. Hopkins.

Robert Kid.

## Hall Committee.

Frederick Erringer.

George W. Jones.

Henry Benner.

## Committee of Finance.

William Page.

William Boyd.

John M. Read.

Britain White.

James M. Linnard.

The Grand Lodge closed in harmony at nine o'clock in the evening.

SAMUEL H. THOMAS,  
Grand Secretary.

PHILADA., Monday, 3<sup>d</sup> September, A. D. 1827, A. L. 5827.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Quarterly Communication.

Present :

BRO. THOMAS KITTERA, R. W. Grand Master.

" Samuel Badger, R. W. Deputy Grand M.

" Michael Nisbet, R. W. Senior G. Warden.

" John Steele, Jr., R. W. Junior G. Warden.

" Robert Toland, R. W. Grand Treasurer.

" Sam<sup>l</sup> H. Thomas, R. W. Grand Sec<sup>y</sup>.

" Sam<sup>l</sup> H. Perkins, Deputy Grand Sec<sup>y</sup>.

" Chas. Wheeler, Senior G<sup>d</sup>. Deacon, p. t.

Bro. Jos. R. Hopkins, Junior Gr<sup>d</sup>. Deacon, p. t.

“ John K. Kane, Grand Marshal.

“ Adam Cornman, Grand Pursuivant, p. t.

Brothers James Harper,	} R. W. Past Grand
Josiah Randall,	
Bayse Newcomb, and	
Samuel F. Bradford.	
	Masters.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 51, 52, 59, 62, 67, 71, 91, 106, 113, 114, 115, 119, 121, 126, 130, 131, 134, 135, 138, 155, 158, 159, 160, 165, 168, 172, 174, 176, 186, 187, 195, 203 and 211 represented.

Thirty seven lodges being represented, the Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at 7 o'clock in the evening.

The minutes of the quarterly communication held on the 4<sup>th</sup> June, 1827, were read and adopted.

A Petition was received and read from sundry brethren residing in Susquehanna County, praying for a Warrant to hold a lodge in Montrose, Lodge called Montrose, and nominating for the first officers thereof,

Bro. Jonah Brewster, Master.

“ James W. Hill, Senior Warden, and

“ Daniel Lathrop, Junior Warden.

and the said petition being in due form and recommended agreeably to the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge, On motion and seconded,

Resolved, that the prayer of the petition be granted and that a Warrant be issued accordingly numbered 213.

A commission was received and read from Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 119, Gibson, Susquehanna County, dated 4 July, 1827, directed to Bro. Sam<sup>l</sup> H. Thomas appointing him the proxy of said lodge in the grand lodge.

On motion and seconded,

Resolved, that Bro. Sam<sup>l</sup> H. Thomas be recognized as the proxy of lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 119.

A Commission was received and read from Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 203, Mifflin, dated 7 June, 1827, directed to Bro. John M. Read, appointing him the proxy of said lodge in the grand lodge.

On motion and seconded,

Resolved, that Bro. John M. Read be recognized as the proxy of lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 263.

A petition was received and read from Eliphalet Mason, Morris Spalding and William Kelly, late members of lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 163, Towanda, who were expelled by this grand lodge at the quarterly communication held on the 7<sup>th</sup> November, 1825, praying for their restoration to the privileges of the order.

On motion and seconded,

Resolved, that the prayer of the petition be granted.

Reports were received from the Com. on By Laws on the By Laws of Lodges N<sup>o</sup>. 70, Athens, N<sup>o</sup>. 83, Damascus, N<sup>o</sup>. 115, Philadelphia and N<sup>o</sup>. 182, Mercer and the same being read were severally adopted.

Reports were received from the Committee of Finance on the a/cs of the Grand Treasurer, Grand Sec<sup>y</sup>. and Hall Committee for the second Q<sup>r</sup>. of 1827, also an abstract of the receipts and payments on behalf of the grand lodge for the same time, and being read they were severally adopted.

A communication was received and read from Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 203, dated Mifflin, 20<sup>th</sup> August, containing extracts from the minutes of its proceedings, shewing that the lodge had determined to remove to Lewistown in the same County.

On motion and seconded,

Resolved, that the above communication be filed and the removal of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 203 to Lewistown be registered.

The Committee appointed at the quarterly communication in June and the Trustees of the Charity Fund, to act on the Will of Bro. Anthony Fannen, deceased, made a joint Report as follows :

That the said Will of Bro. Fannen is dated the 25<sup>th</sup> March, 1823, and was proved in the Office of the Register of Wills for the City and County of Philad<sup>a</sup>. on the 14<sup>th</sup> May, 1827. That by this Will, the testator after directing the payment of his debts, and granting to Ellen Vining, his housekeeper, the privilege of occupying during her life, the westernmost of three frame houses in Lombard Street, between 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Streets, in the City of Philadelphia, N<sup>o</sup>. 224, and devising to his daughter Ann B. Winnemore, in case she became a widow,

an estate for life in his dwelling House, N<sup>o</sup>. 244 South 7<sup>th</sup> Street, and making a few other bequests, devised the remainder of his Estate, both real and personal to Joseph R. Hopkins and Cornelius Stevenson, as trustees for the sole use and benefit of the Grand Charity Committee of the Grand Lodge of the State of Pennsylvania, to be appropriated to distressed Widows and Orphans of Masons. That Mess. Hopkins and Stevenson refused the Trust and that the deceased has left his daughter Mrs. Winnemore, (Widow of the late Bro. Philip P. Winnemore), with three young Children and a grandson, the only child of a deceased daughter. That Mrs. Winnemore is in destitute circumstances, relying only on her own industrious exertions for the support of herself and family. That the deceased's grandson is also without means of support beyond his own exertions. That the lot on Lombard Street between 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Streets on which are three frame houses is subject to a ground rent of about \$45 per annum; and that the House and lot in 7<sup>th</sup> Street devised to his daughter for life, independently of a ground rent is subject to a mortgage for \$2500. There are other incumbrances against the Estate, one a judgment of about \$150. Under these circumstances, believing that true benevolence and justice, the ruling and prevailing principles of our order, forbid an acceptance of the devises and bequests contained in the will of our deceased brother in favour of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, we beg leave to submit the following Resolutions, viz :

Resolved, That the R. W. grand lodge of Pennsylvania do hereby renounce and refuse to accept the devises and bequests contained and made to them in the last Will and Testament of Anthony Fannen, late of the City of Philadelphia, deceased, dated the 25<sup>th</sup> of March, A. D. 1823 and recorded and proved in the office of the Register of Wills for the City and County of Philadelphia in the 14<sup>th</sup> May, A. D. 1827, and that as regards the said devises and bequests that the said Anthony Fannen be considered and deemed to have died intestate.

Resolved, that the R. W. Grand Master and Grand Officers

take all legal measures on behalf of the grand lodge to carry the foregoing resolution into full effect.

(Signed)

JOSEPH R. HOPKINS.

HENRY Y. CARTER.

ROBERT KID.

SAM<sup>L</sup>. F. BRADFORD,

JOHN M. SCOTT.

B. NEWCOMB.

JAMES HARPER.

JOSIAH RANDALL.

And the above report being read, it was on motion and seconded, adopted unanimously.

On motion and seconded,

Resolved unanimously, that this grand lodge approve of the conduct of Brothers Hopkins and Stevenson in refusing to accept the trust created by the Will of our late Bro. Fannen.

A report was received and read from the Committee appointed at the adjourned quarterly communication on the 7<sup>th</sup> May last, on the appeal of P—— H—— from a vote of expulsion adopted against him in Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 196, Mercersburg, concluding with the following Resolution, viz :

Resolved, that the proceedings of Morning Star Lodge, N<sup>o</sup>. 196, in relation to the expulsion of P—— H—— be confirmed.

And the said report and Resolution were adopted.

A Report was received and read from the Committee appointed on the 7<sup>th</sup> May, to which were referred the charges presented by Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 172, Lebanon, against Bro. Abraham Embick, stating that no evidence had been adduced by the lodge to sustain its charges and concluding with the following Resolution, viz :

Resolved, that the Committee to which were referred the Charges against Bro. Abm. Embick be discharged.

And the said Report and Resolution were adopted.

The following Returns were received, read and ordered to be filed, viz :

Eighth District.

Return by H. Lenhart, D. D. G. M., of Dispensations issued during the 2<sup>d</sup> Quarter, 1827.

Twelfth District.

Return of Dispensations issued during the 2<sup>d</sup> quarter 1827.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 21, Harrisburg. Reinstatement of F. R. Shunk and Isaac M<sup>c</sup>Cord.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 82, Milford. Return of election for Sen. Warden held August, 1822.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 177, Delaware Tp. General Returns, 1826. Expelled, S—— I——, J—— K——, for non payment of dues.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 212, Hanover, York Cy. Return to Dispensation to constitute, shewing that the lodge was constituted on the 9<sup>th</sup> June, 1827.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 1, New York. Communicating expulsion of S—— C—— for unmasonic conduct.

The Committee to which was referred on the 5<sup>th</sup> March last, the complaint of A. Bonaffon against the Hall Committee reported that said Bonaffon declined meeting them in presence of the members of the Hall Committee and offered the following Resolution, Viz :

Resolved, that this Committee be discharged.

And the said Report was adopted.

On motion and seconded,

Resolved, that the settlement of all accounts of A. Bonaffon with this grand lodge and the Hall Committee be committed to the Grand Officers.

On motion and Seconded,

Resolved, that an additional appropriation of Seven hundred and fifty dollars be made to the Hall Committee for the service of the present year, to be drawn for under the usual restrictions.

On motion and seconded,

Resolved, that a Committee of five be appointed to inquire into the expediency of discontinuing the manufacture of Gas.

Whereupon, the R. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint Brothers

A Report was received and read from the Committee, to which was referred, on the 26<sup>th</sup> March, the Resolution in relation to the term "York."

On motion and seconded,

Resolved, that the consideration of the said Report be made

the order of the day for the third Monday in December next.

The Committee appointed on the 4<sup>th</sup> June last, to which was referred the application for a Warrant to hold a lodge in Philadelphia, to be called Israel, was at its own request discharged from its appointment, and a resolution being offered that the prayer of the petitioners for such warrant be granted, the same was decided in the Negative.

The grand lodge closed in harmony at  $\frac{1}{4}$  past ten o'clock in the evening.

SAM. H. THOMAS,  
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 3<sup>d</sup> December, A. L. 5827.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present :

Bro. THOMAS KITTERA, R. W. Grand Master.

- " Samuel Badger, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
- " Michael Nisbet, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
- " Henry Benner, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, p. t.
- " Robert Toland, R. W. Grand Treasurer.
- " Samuel H. Thomas, R. W. Grand Secretary.
- " Charles Stout, Senior Grand Deacon, p. t.
- " Joseph R. Hopkins, Junior Grand Deacon.
- " Henry Horn, Grand Sword Bearer.
- " John K. Kane, Grand Marshal.
- " David Nathans, Grand Pursuivant.
- " Benj. Allen, Grand Chaplain.
- " Samuel F. Bradford, }
- " Bayse Newcomb,        } R. W. Past Grand Masters.
- " Josiah Randall,        }
- " James Harper,         }

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 51, 52, 67, 71, 72, 91, 106, 113, 114, 115, 119, 121, 126, 128, 130, 131, 134, 138, 147, 151, 152, 155, 158, 159, 160, 165, 168, 172, 173, 174, 176, 186, 187, 195, 201, 203 and 211 represented.

Forty-two Lodges being represented, the grand lodge was opened in ample form at half past six o'clock in the evening.

The Minutes of the last Quarterly communication were read and adopted.

A petition was received and read from a sufficient number of Masons residing in Crawford County, praying for a Warrant to hold a lodge at Conniault, at the outlet of Conniault lake, to be called "Summit level," and nominating for first officers thereof

Bro. Robert Stewart, Worshipful M.

" W. W. White, Senior Warden.

" John McDonald, Junior Warden.

And the said petition being recommended agreeably to the Regulations of the grand lodge, On motion and Seconded,

Resolved, that the prayer of the petition be granted and that a Warrant be issued accordingly, numbered 214, as soon as the petitioners shall have complied with the rules and regulations of the grand lodge, requiring proof of their being M. M. in good standing and not members of any lodge.

An Appeal was received and read from S. V. B—— against a vote of expulsion in Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 160, Philad<sup>a</sup>.

On motion and seconded,

Resolved,

That the same be referred to a Committee of three to inquire and report.

The R. W. grand master was pleased to appoint Brothers S. F. Bradford, S. Badger and R. W. Sykes on said Comm<sup>e</sup>.

A Memorial was received and read from Bro. John De Pui, R. W. District Deputy Grand Master of the 12<sup>th</sup> District, dated Harrisburg, 23 Nov. ult<sup>o</sup>. in relation to the proceedings of lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 21, on the application of Lewis Plitt for initiation, the conduct of certain of the officers and members connected therewith and the moral state of the lodge.

At the same time were received and read :

1. A certified extract from the minutes of the lodge of 8<sup>th</sup> August, 12<sup>th</sup> September, 10<sup>th</sup> October and 14<sup>th</sup> November last, in relation to the application, rejection, initiation and advancement of Lewis Plitt.



2<sup>d</sup>. A Communication from Bro. James Wright, dated Harrisburg, 30<sup>th</sup> Nov., on the same subject.

3<sup>d</sup>. A Communication from Br. C. A. Snyder, dated Harrisburg, 1 December, on the same subject.

On motion and seconded,

Resolved,

That all the above-described documents be referred to a Committee of five, with instructions to make full inquiry into the facts therein set forth and the state of the lodge.

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint Bro. Mallery.

A Report was received and read from the Committee to which was referred the petition of William Price on the 7 May last, viz :

“That they have performed that duty, and after a full and careful examination of their differences between Wm. Price and Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 45, they are of opinion they arose from a misconception. They do not consider that any blame is imputable to either party, and are well satisfied that if Brother Price is permitted to visit or join any lodge as a regular mason, the cause of masonry will receive no detriment thereby, but will be rather advantaged.

All of which they respectfully submit.” Signed by S. R. Holmes, D. R. McNair and W. Fetterman.

On motion and seconded,

Resolved,

That the above report be adopted.

Resolved,

That the resolution adopted 1st March, 1824, debarring the subordinate lodges of this jurisdiction from receiving William Price as a member or visitor be rescinded.

This being the day fixed by the regulations of the grand lodge for the election of grand officers for twelve months ensuing next St. John's day, the members proceeded to a ballot, when the following brethren were duly re-elected.

Bro. Thomas Kittera, R. W. Grand Master.

“ Samuel Badger, R. W. Deputy grand M.

“ Michael Nisbet, R. W. Senior grand W.

Bro. John Steele, Jr., R. W. Junior grand W.

“ Samuel H. Thomas, R. W. Grand Secretary.

And Bro. Solomon Allen was duly elected R. W. grand treasurer to succeed Bro. Robert Toland who declined a re-election.

The grand lodge adjourned at 5 o'clock in the evening, to meet on the third Monday in December current, at the usual hour.

SAM<sup>L</sup>. H. THOMAS,  
Grand Secretary.

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PHILADELPHIA, Monday, December 17, 1827.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Quarterly Communication.

Present :

Bro. J. S. RILEY, R. W. Junior Grand W., p. t.

“ Sam. H. Thomas, R. W. Grand Secretary.

“ Sam. H. Perkins, Deputy Grand Sec.

“ Cha. Wheeler, Senior Grand Deacon, p. t.

“ Adam Cornman, Junior Grand Deacon, p. t.

“ David Nathans, Grand Pursuivant.

“ James Harper, R. W. Past Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 52, 67, 71, 72, 91, 114, 115, 121, 126, 130, 131, 134, 155, 158, 160, 186, 187, 50, 123, 119, 138, 151, 195 and 201 represented.

Twenty eight lodges being represented, the Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at 6½ o'clock in the evening.

On motion and seconded, a number of visiting brethren were admitted.

The grand Officers to whom were referred the complaints of A. Bonaffon against the Hall Committee and sundry grievances under which he suffered, reported

That the principal point in contest with the Hall Committee was in relation to the Gas and its appendages of burners, &c. Sometimes the gas was bad and at other times there was none. The grand lodge having thus failed to supply gas, Mr. B. purchased a number of Argand Oil lamps for

which he claims to be allowed the cost unless permitted to use them altogether. He also claimed allowance on the foot of the Hall Committee's account for the occasional bad quality of the gas and also for expenses he incurred in procuring repairs to be done to the Chandeliers, burners, &c.

The Committee believing that some of his demands were founded in justice and that it was essential that the sale of gas should be put upon such a footing as would relieve Mr. Bonaffon and the grand lodge from vexatious disputes, they prepared an additional clause to the lease whereby it is provided that an instant settlement of all disputes about gas shall be made and that Mr. B. shall be allowed to resort to other means of lighting on those evenings only, in which the gas is not supplied or is decided to be unfit for burning. The Officers purchase on behalf of the grand lodge the lamps for \$100, for which Mr. B. paid \$130, and Mr. B. pays without deduction the sums charged to him by the Hall Committee for gas.

Every other item in dispute has been amicably adjusted, leaving a balance of \$40<sup>50</sup> in favour of the grand lodge, which Mr. B. is to pay with the rent for the ensuing quarter.

The Committee submit the following Resolution, Viz :

Resolved, that the account as settled by the Grand Officers with A. Bonaffon, be and is hereby confirmed.

On motion and seconded, the Report above and Resolution were adopted.

The Grand Secretary reported that the following Warrants of Lodges were suspended for non payment of dues, Viz :

N<sup>o</sup>. 153, Waynesburg, Greene Co.

“ 177, Burhkle P. O., Pike Co<sup>r</sup>.

On Motion of the Comm<sup>e</sup> of Finance and seconded,

Resolved, that the sum of one hundred dollars be accepted from Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 119, Gibson, Susquehanna Co., in communication of the annuity payable annually by that lodge until its debt should be discharged.

On motion and seconded,

Resolved, that the Committee appointed 1824 on the case of P. D—— be discharged and that a new committee be appointed to inquire and report thereon as soon as practicable.

Whereupon, the R. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint Bros. Gobrecht, Robinson and Porter on said Committee.

A Report was received and read from the Committee appointed on the memorial of the R. A. Chapters for a reduction of rent, offering the following Resolutions and with the Report; they were adopted, Viz:

Resolved, that the following Sums be received in full of the debts due by the respective Chapters on the 27<sup>th</sup> inst., provided the same be paid within three months from St. John's day next, Viz:

R. A. Chapter No. 3	.	.	.	\$140 for about \$475.	
"	"	"	51	80	" 190.
"	"	"	52	80	" 181.
"	"	"	91 @ 67	140	" 585.
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Total	.	.	.	\$440	\$1431.

Resolved, that the Rent, including fuel and lighting of the Chapter Room, be reduced to \$40 from next St. John's day for twelve stated meetings to each Chapter, and for other meetings to the price of lighting as now established.

Resolved, that the Rent, &c., of the Chapters shall be paid semi-annually, and that any chapter in arrears for the rent of twelve mos. shall be notified thereof by the grand secretary, and if such arrears be not paid within three months from the date of the notice, the defaulting chapter shall be deprived of the privilege of meeting in the Hall until its arrears be paid.

Reports were received and read from the Comm<sup>e</sup> of Finance on the a/cs of the Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary and Hall Committee for the 3<sup>d</sup> quarter of the present year; also, an abstract of receipts and payments for the same time; and being read they were severally ordered to be filed.

The following report was received from the Committee of Finance and adopted, viz:

The Committee of Finance beg leave to report the following estimate of the Receipts and Disbursements of the grand lodge for the ensuing year, Viz:

*Receipts.*

Rent of the lower rooms of the Hall estimated at,	\$1,300
Ditto from Lodges, Mark lodges, Chapters and Encampments, . . . . .	1,700
Lighting Lodge rooms and lower rooms, . . .	700
Dues from contributing members of City and Country lodges, . . . . .	3,000
Initiations 135 @ \$7, . . . . .	\$945
400 " 2, . . . . .	800
	<hr/> 1,745
Warrants, . . . . .	324
Dispensations, . . . . .	800
Certificates, . . . . .	30
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	Dollars 9,599

*Disbursements.*

Interest on Loans, . . . . .	\$4545
Grand Secretary's, including stationery, &c.,	800
Grand Tyler's ditto, . . . . .	200
Hall Committee, . . . . .	250
Gas Committee, . . . . .	700
Grand Lecturers, . . . . .	700
	<hr/> \$7,195

Surplus applicable to the Sinking fund, \$2,404.

On the strength of the foregoing Estimate, the Committee of Finance offer the following resolutions, Viz :

Resolved, that the sum of \$5,545 be and is hereby appropriated to the payment of Interest, Grand Secretary's Salary, Printing, Stationery, and the Grand tyler's Salary, and that the grand Secretary draw on the grand treasurer for the same.

Resolved, that the sum of \$250 be and is hereby appropriated for the use of the Hall Committee, and that they draw upon the grand treasurer for the same.

Resolved, that the sum of \$700 be and is hereby appropriated for the use of the Gas Committee, and that they draw upon the Grand Treasurer for the same.

A report was also received and read from the Comm<sup>e</sup> of

Finance on the state of the Sinking fund, shewing that \$17,000 were invested in Stocks at par and that \$667.90 were yet in hands of the treasurer uninvested. The said report was ordered to be filed.

A memorial was received and read from Bro. John Kean on the existing state of Masonry, and, on motion and seconded, the same was laid upon the table.

An appeal was received and read from J—— W—— from a vote of expulsion passed against him in Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 143, Chambersburg.

On motion and Seconded, the same was referred to a Committee, consisting of Brothers William Foulke, Jacob Squires and William A. Finley, to inquire and Report.

A Report was received and read from Bro. John H. Hill on the State of the Lodges in the 11<sup>th</sup> district, of which he is D. Deputy G. M.

A circular communication from the grand lodge of So. Carolina, dated 1 October was received, read and referred to a Committee consisting of Brothers Randall, Badger and Nisbet.

The Committee on By laws made Report on the By Laws of lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 164, Washington, which was adopted. Also, on the By-laws of Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 165, which as amended was adopted.

The grand lodge proceeded to the order of the day, and on motion the same was postponed to the first Monday in March.

The following Returns were received, read and ordered to be filed :

First District.

Return of Dispensations issued by Bro. G. Mallery, D. D. G. M., in 1826.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 21. Reinstatement of F. R. Shunk and Isaac M<sup>c</sup>Cord.

Twelfth District.

Return of Dispensations issued during the 3<sup>d</sup> quarter by John De Pui, D. D. G. M.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 138, Orwigsburg. Return of Election held 11 Sept. for Junior Warden.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 153, Waynesburg, Greene Coy. General Returns, 1826.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 163, Towanda. To Dispensation to reconstitute this lodge, shewing that it was reconstituted on the 1st day of February last.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 196, Mercersburg. Of Suspension of C. P. C—— and G—— B—— for n. p. d.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 197, Carlisle. Expulsion of G. R. R——, U. C.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 209, Beallsville. Expulsion of E. V——, U. C.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 212, Hanover. Of members at the organization of the lodge.

Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 213, Montrose. Return to Dispensation to constitute, shewing that the lodge was duly constituted on the 31st October last.

A communication was received and read from Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 171, dated Pottstown, 10 inst., praying for a remission of the dues for the current year.

On motion and seconded, the same was referred to the Comm<sup>e</sup>. of Finance.

The grand lodge closed in harmony at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past nine o'clock in the evening.

SAM<sup>L</sup>. H. THOMAS, Grand Sec<sup>y</sup>.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> Dec., 1827.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, General Grand Communication.

Present :

Bro. THOMAS KITTERA, R. W. Grand Master.

“ D. C. Skerret, R. W. Senior Grand War., p. t.

“ John Steele, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.

“ Solomon Allen, R. W. Grand Treasurer.

“ Sam<sup>L</sup> H. Thomas, R. W. Grand Secretary.

“ James Gowen, Senior grand deacon, p. t.

“ Joseph S. Riley, Junior grand deacon, p. t.

“ G. T. Bedell, Grand Chaplain.

“ Bayse Newcomb, R. W. past grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 19, 51, 52, 67, 71, 91, 114, 115, 119, 121, 126, 130, 134, 138, 151, 155, 187, 195, 201 and 211 represented.

Twenty-two Lodges being represented, the grand lodge was opened in ample form at 10 o'clock in the evening.

So much of the minutes of the 3<sup>d</sup> inst. as relates to the election of grand officers for the ensuing year were read, whereupon the following brethren who were elected were installed into their respective offices, viz :

Bro. Tho<sup>s</sup>. Kittera, R. W. Grand Master.

“ John Steele, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.

“ Solomon Allen, R. W. grand treasurer.

“ Samuel H. Thomas, R. W. Grand Secretary.

and, being duly proclaimed, they received the cordial and accustomed salutations of the brethren.

The R. W. Grand Master announced the following appointments for the ensuing year, viz :

District Deputy Grand Masters.

Garrick Mallery of Wilkesbarre, for the Counties of Luzerne, Wayne and Susquehanna Counties, being the First District.

Second District.

Joseph Kingsbery of Sheshequin, for the Counties of Bradford and Tioga.

Third District.

Geo. B. Porter of Lancaster, for the Counties of York and Lancaster.

Fourth District.

Thomas H. Crawford of Chambersburg, for the Counties of Franklin, Adams, Cumberland, Perry and Bedford.

Fifth District.

Charles Shaler of Pittsburg, for the Counties of Alleghany, Westmoreland, Butler, Beaver, Armstrong, Jefferson and Indiana.

Sixth District.

Isaac Hiester of Reading, for the Counties of Berks, Schuylkill and Lehigh.

Seventh District.

James Kelton of New London X Roads, for the Counties of Chester and Delaware.

Eighth District.

Rev<sup>d</sup>. Henry Lenhart of Williamsport, for the counties of Northumberland, Lycoming, Union and Columbia.



## Ninth District.

Thomas Burnside of Bellefonte, for the Counties of Centre,  
Mifflin and Huntingdon.

Stephen Barlow of Meadville, 10<sup>th</sup> Dist., for the Counties of  
Crawford, Mercer, Erie, Warren and Venango.

## Eleventh District.

Bro. John H. Hill of Hatboro', for the Counties of Bucks and  
Montgomery.

## Twelfth District.

John De Pui of Harrisburg, for the Counties of Dauphin and  
Lebanon.

## Thirteenth District.

Thos. H. Baird of Washington, for the Counties of Washing-  
ton, Fayette and Green.

## Fourteenth District.

James M. Porter of Easton, for the Counties of Northampton  
and Pike.

## Grand Deacons.

Senior, J. R. Hopkins.

Junior, Jas. Gowen.

## Grand Chaplains.

Rev<sup>d</sup>. Geo. C. Potts.

Rev<sup>d</sup>. R. W. Morgan.

" G. T. Bedell.

" Benj. Allen.

" W. E. Ashton.

## District Grand Chaplains.

Second District, Rev<sup>d</sup>. Solomon Everts.

Third " " Rich<sup>d</sup>. D. Hall.

Eighth " " James De Pui.

Ninth " " Robert Piggot.

" " " W. H. Rees.

Tenth " " Timothy Alden.

Twelfth " " J. B. Clemson.

## Grand Stewards.

Bro. Thomas Amies.

William Wray.

Gr<sup>d</sup>. Sword Bearer.

Henry Horn.

Grand Marshal.

John K. Kane.

Grand Pursuivant.

David Nathans.

Grand Tyler.

Charles Schneider.

Standing Committees.

Committee of Correspondence.

Samuel H. Perkins in the room of T. B. Freeman who declined a reappointment.

Joseph S. Riley.

David McClure.

Committee of Publication.

Nathan R. Potts.

T. M. Petit.

R. R. Moore.

Committee of Charity.

Solomon Allen.

Joseph R. Hopkins.

Henry Y. Carter.

Robert Kid.

Samuel Wonderly.

Hall Committee.

Frederick Erringer.

Geo. W. Jones.

William Weaver.

Gas Committee.

Sam<sup>l</sup> M. Stewart.

The grand Secretary announced his reappointment of Bro. Sam<sup>l</sup> H. Perkins as Deputy Grand Secretary, which was unanimously approved by the Grand Lodge.

A petition was received and read from the Officers of lodge N<sup>o</sup> 51, praying for permission to hold an election at its next stated meeting for a Junior Warden in the room of the Junior Warden elect, who declines being installed.

On motion and seconded,

Resolved, that the prayer of the petition be granted.

A communication was received and read, signed by four of the past masters of lodge N<sup>o</sup> 52 in relation to the wardens elect of that lodge, being installed before the Master elect, contrary to their suggestion of its impropriety previously made to the Master for the time being, Bro. John Cook.

On motion and seconded, the said communication was re-

ferred to a committee to consist of Brothers Randall, Badger and Nisbet.

The following Returns were received, read and ordered to be filed, Viz :

- N<sup>o</sup>. 2, Philadelphia. General Returns, 1827. Suspended, R—— B——, B—— O——, W—— H——, L—— R. K——, R—— W. J—— and P—— A. O——.
- 3, Philadelphia. General Returns, 1827. Suspended, J—— S—— M., n. p. d.
- 51, Philadelphia. General Returns, 1827.
- 52, Philadelphia. General Returns, 1827.
- 59, Philadelphia. General Returns, 1827. Reinstatement, James Campbell. Expelled, S—— P. S——, u. c. Suspended, W—— S——, C—— F——, n. p. d.
- 62, Reading, Berks Cy. General Return, 1827.
- 67, Philadelphia. General Return, 1827. Suspended, L—— G——, J—— J. W—— and J—— C——, n. p. d.
- 81, Germantown. General Return, 1827.
- 114, Philadelphia. General Return, 1827.
- 121, Philadelphia. General Return, 1827.
- 134, Philadelphia. General Return, 1827.
- 135, Roxborough say Manayunk. General Return, 1827. Suspended, T—— J—— and A—— C—— for n. p. d.
- 138, Orwigsburg, Schuylkill Co. General Return, 1827. Expelled, J—— D——, G—— S——, n. p. d.
- 187, Philadelphia. General Return, 1827. Expelled, J—— B——, U. C., J—— M——.
- 174, Dowingtown, Chester County. General Return, 1827.
- 186, Philadelphia. General Return, 1827. Expelled, T—— B. E——, R—— P. P——, n. p. d.
- 201, Mauch Chunk. General Return, 1827.
- 211, Kensington. General Return, 1827.

The grand lodge closed in harmony at 10½ o'clock in the morning.

SAM<sup>L</sup>. H. THOMAS,

Grand Secretary.



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